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"Things have changed since 2005, we have crossed a red line. When these kids aim their guns at police officers, they want to kill them. They are no longer afraid to shoot a policeman. We are only on the second day since the accident and already they are shooting guns at the police."

Joachim Masanet, *secretary general of the French UNSA police trade union.*

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Editorial. Feb 2008

Welcome to the 5th issue of 325, an irregular anarchist magazine dedicated to the free society and open minds. Featured in these pages are reports, news and images from the struggle against hierarchy and capitalism, and the words and ideas of prisoners, who are locked down resisting the system.

Industrial capitalism has made mass surveillance and imprisonment ■ reality, advancing technologies have far surpassed anything historical tyrants could have dreamed of implementing, and our societies are becoming more and more prison like, with the wall between 'outside' and 'inside' jail blurring significantly. Neo-Liberalism is passive to genocide and ecological collapse, simply dismissed as the brutal outcome to the crisis at hand - The survival of capitalist rule during a time of social and environmental turbulence. It is time this system was dismantled - Immediately.

Prison is the feature which unites ■■ aspects of modern society, from airports, supermarkets and department stores, to factories, schools and beyond. In the prison we find the clearest aspects of capitalist exploitation, as the prison is the logical conclusion of government and the free-market - ■ place where everyone and everything is controlled, catalogued and coerced as a cold statistic. The cells neither reform nor rehabilitate, they hide behind closed doors the tragic contradictions of the promises of consumer society.

325 was created because the type of magazine that we wanted to read did not exist. We had a feeling from more than 15 years of being involved in anarchist activity, that most of the time, the only people who are radicalized after doing some 'revolutionary' activities, are you, yourselves...

We don't see producing this publication as a political or financial project. Clearly our activity doesn't place itself into the realm of making money or creating new ideologies to blind people with. We want to leave all that behind with the rest of the political left-wing, which has sparse treasures left to loot, and is best

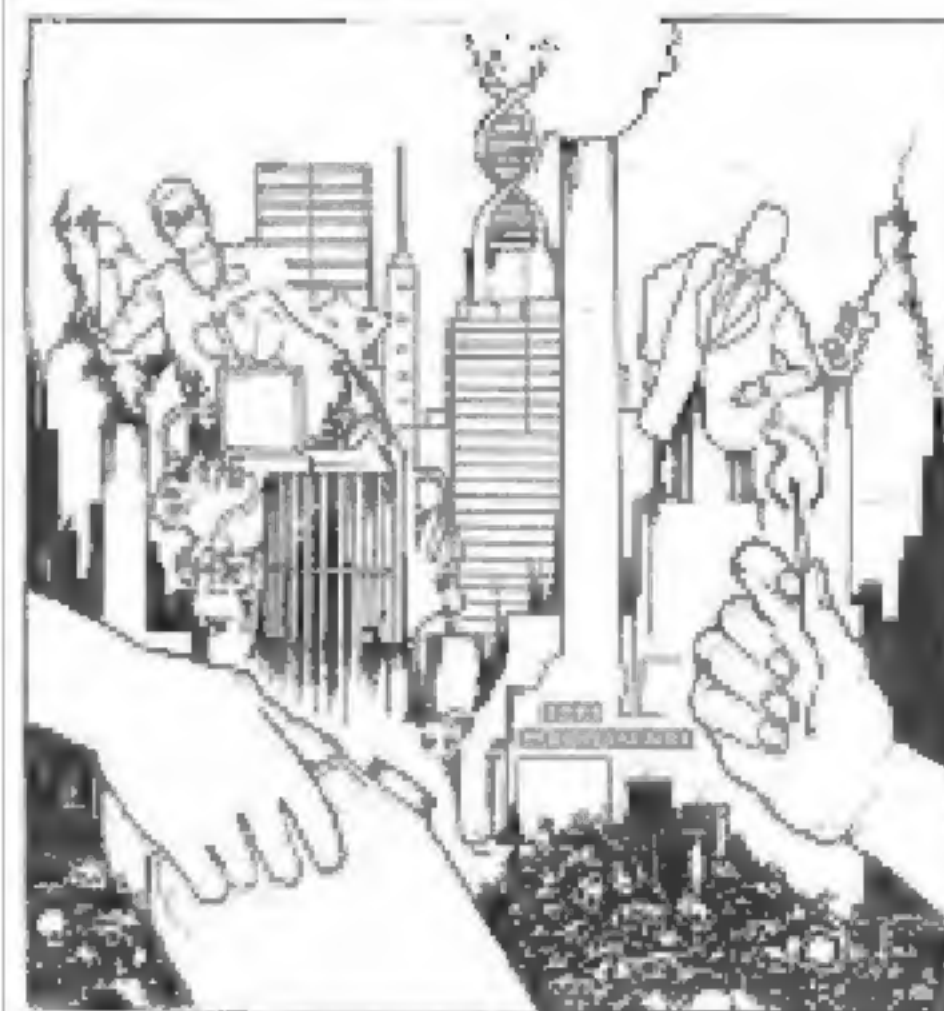
laid to rest. Anarchism has always been antagonistic to organised exploitation and will remain so inclined. It is not for nothing that Copenhagen's Chief of Police despaired of the 'autonomous chaos-strategy' used by black bloc militants defending not only the notorious 'Ungdomshuset' squat in Denmark but their existence as an anti-political reality, at war with all governments everywhere.

When this magazine began in 2003, it was initially imagined as a project to communicate more information about insurgent european anarchist/anti-capitalist struggle into the UK, through publishing previously untranslated and marginal news and reports which were barely covered by the alternative media here. Internet standards of newscasting appear to be challenging the circulation of DIY printed publications as more and more people receive information and news electronically.

Radical magazines and books, already marginal, seem to be getting pushed deeper into obscurity, as people are conditioned into receiving very heavily filtered and packaged information. Why are we making ■ publication that we think very few people, even radicals, will read? Well, for us, the Internet is a demanding media that seems to have a flimsy permanence. It often carries ideas which have very little relation to what is happening at the ground level, despite the 'mirror world' rhetoric, although not only in the confused shadows of 'online communities' is misdirection ■ be found. We can see that a large amount of information is circulating and proliferating, but very little returns off-line to the streets.

■ was hoped we could add to the drive to communicate and ignite more resistance in the UK, but 325 has grown much further than that, through the energy of comrades overseas, across Europe, Asia and the Americas, who appreciate and find common cause in the militant direction we are travelling in. The secondary aim was this, ■ create more links and consciousness between people fighting back, at the grass-roots level, and help create and reinforce informal networks capable of taking direct action and/or producing/distributing propaganda, based around an insurrectionary anti-state, anti-market perspective.

So 325 has been more successful than we expected and the last 4 issues would not have happened without the solidarity and comradeship of many



people who wanted this publication to continue. Many thanks for your rage and friendship.

325 is about finding out who our enemies and our allies are. Solidarity and affinity are not just abstract ideals but the essence of meaningful lived human experience. Face-to-face relationships strengthen and maintain our insurrection and this is what needs to be insisted upon - the end of the political racket. Between us we aim to write what is on everyone's lips but fears to say, - that this system is coming down, and it would rather bring everyone in it down as well, into annihilation, rather than relinquish its authority.

The problem for the system is that the more it attempts to produce hierarchic order, the more situations spread, develop and breakout into the uncontrollable. The system wants ■ finely tuned mechanism, turning on the compliance of the base population but compliance is difficult to achieve, despite the methods of neo-liberal political control, all-encompassing data surveillance and paramilitary policing. Rogue elements the system can not turn into commodity markets it attempts to repress and destroy. For something unprecedented to begin, it's time for all of this to come down without reservation.

Industrial capitalism is causing the ecology to collapse dramatically and along with it will go most of our entire social and industrial systems. It is no longer in the mouths of the 'extremists' that civilisation and technology is out of control, how many people now know that interesting times for all of us are ahead? It might not be a time for idealistic theories, but a starting place to think practically about how we are going to respond to increasing turmoil and what it is going to take to fulfill our aims of free exchange and co-operation.





This is a list of incidents, neglected news that rarely makes the headlines. As an overview of social conflict, class struggle, self-organisation, etc. it could never be anything but a partial listing, but it is merely a collection of moments defined by their participants.

February 5, London, UK - 40 anarchists and anti-fascists picketed the Greek National Tourist Office in London, burning a Greek flag and causing a scene outside the building, in protest at police collusion with a fascist organisation during a nationalist demonstration in Athens on the 2nd Feb. Riot police were seen arming fascist radicals with sticks and protecting them in their lines to attack left-wing and anarchist militants. After the London solidarity picket the agitators took to the streets and resisted the cops attempts to control them.

January 24, Athens, Greece - Greece: banks, car dealerships, and state owned vehicles attacked. Conspiracy of Cells of Fire has claimed responsibility for a series of incendiary attacks against car dealerships, banks, and government vehicles. These attacks took place early Monday morning in the cities of Athens and Thessaloniki. Here is the claim: "Last night's series of incendiary attacks against luxurious car dealerships in Halandri, Kifissia and Argiroupoli, bank subsidiaries in Nea filadelfia, Dafni, Egaleo, Ano Patisia, Dafni and in Thessaloniki at 117, Martiou Street, and against PPC (the state-run power company) cars outside its offices in both Athens and Thessaloniki, is undertaken by the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire Thessaloniki-Athens. We selected to strike the bank subsidiaries because they constitute the symbols-tools of exploration and of the economic empire. In parallel, the banks are the modern day corporations that accredit with loanee dreams the consumers, so that they would beglamour voluntarily their misery and their economic state of captivity. We attacked the PPC corporation as a response to the dozens of assassinations of workers that have died in its workplace-prisons because of the lack of security measures, as well as for the deadly effects (such as cancer) that appear at the zones around its power plants. We set on fire the dealerships of luxurious

cars that form prestigious symbols of authority inside the commodity fetishist frenzy that has taken over the metropolis. We do not respect the law-abiding citizens' wet dreams for a fast car in expense of the slow suicide offered by the modern life style. The revolutionary character of an arson of a economic-capitalist target isn't found only in its physical destruction but also in the illegality of the action itself. In the decision to attack. In this combatant situation, there are also losses. Accordingly, we dedicate last night's attacks in Thessaloniki and Athens to the imprisoned anarchist V. Botzatzis who is accused for 3 arson attacks against 3 targets, as well as to the 3 fugitive comrades accused under the same case, and that chose the way of a proud escape, than to give themselves in. We don't forget any imprisoned comrade. We will be back soon... Conspiracy of Cells of Fire, Thessaloniki-Athens"

January 2, Ghent, Belgium - Vandalism against the Italian consulate in Ghent. Windows are smashed and coloured paint is thrown at the walls and doors. Graffiti is painted saying "Against All Prisons". A huge protest and hunger strike involving thousands of prisoners within Italy, calling for the abolition of the life sentence, is ongoing, and prisoners abroad in neighbouring countries participated.

December 25, Athens, Greece - Group 4 Security vehicles burned in anti-system attack after youths on motor-cycles hurled petrol bombs into a parking lot. The vehicles were used by the Group 4 company, part of the British-based security giant G4S PLC. The incident occurred in the western Kolonos area of the city. The "Revolutionary Attack Groups" (Epanastatikes Omades

Epithesis) claimed responsibility for the arsons - "On Dec. 24 we attacked the private security company "Group 4 - Wackenhut" headquarters destroying around 15 vehicles used in money transfers. This company, apart from owning private prisons in America and England, in our country constitutes the most important piece of the growing police-like corp of security professionals that floods the streets, breeding the big brother shoving cameras, circulating the banks' wealth and guarding diverse capitalist targets contributing to the increasing social control and repression." They also mentioned: "The message here is clear. When dealing with the rage of insurgents they cannot be safe, even in their headquarters. Our attack was an action of solidarity to our imprisoned comrades: Giannis Dimitrakis, Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis, Marios Tsourapas, Chrissostomos Kontorevithakis, Vaggelis Botzatzis as well as to the prisoners of the Revolutionary Organisation November 17 that are being kept under a state of total isolation. It is an action of solidarity to the insurgent prisoners of April, many of whom face torture and constant transfers. It all continues..." Such attacks occur frequently in Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece's two largest cities, and are generally carried out by Greek anarchist groups against private and public targets such as police stations, banks, tax, legal and political offices and diplomats' cars.

December 20, Santiago, Chile - The 'Anti-Capitalist Attack Group of Martyrs of the Santa Maria School' claimed responsibility for an attack against ATM machines of a Banco de Chile branch office with a Molotov cocktail early in the morning. It caused a fire in the



building. Solidarity with the Insurrectionists in Chile and the struggle against the state!

December 20, Santiago, Chile - The 'Federación Revuelta Sección Antipolicial Antonio Ramón Ramón' claimed responsibility for an explosive attack just after midnight against a police station in Santiago's Nuñoa district. The bombing at the Nuñoa police station left a hole about 70 centimeters high and 25 to 30 centimeters wide in one of the outside walls of the building and damaged a police car that was parked on the grounds. The blast also broke glass in nearby buildings. About half an hour later the Banco Santander office in Recoleta was attacked with another device. The bomb caused damage to some of the windows. Police believe it might have been a noise device/ firework. Pamphlets demanding the release of Mapuche political prisoners were found in the immediate vicinity of the blast. The case is under investigation by military police intelligence. Extracts from the claim - "We're here again. We've always existed. Confronting the uniformed troops of the exploiter and terrorist state. Confronting them. 100 years ago we challenged its slave-master hatred in the city of Iquique, in the port bloodied by its patriotic bullets and sabers in that December of 1907. Today, in the consumerist December of 2007, we attack this damned place devoted as a center of torture and extermination, this symbol of the state."... "We salute all those who act in solidarity with the resistance and who don't believe state propaganda. We support the combat that frees the Mapuche people from the state. The police troops besiege and try to impose terror in the rebel communities of the Mapuche territory under Chilean occupation. The Mapuche combatants expel them from their lands. Strength brothers, the destruction of all the states and the construction of free and anti-authoritarian societies have our complete combative solidarity. It's our objective. 100 Years After the Massacre in the School of Santa Maria Iquique, Autonomous Groups Against the State and Capital! Multiply the Bombs that Destroy the Walls of this Rotten World! Strength to the Destruction of the State, Producer of Corpses! We Are Here. 100 Years Later!!! 'Federación Revuelta Sección Antipolicial Antonio Ramón Ramón'"

December 20, Teramo, Italy - A letter bomb containing nails was received by extreme-right militants of the 'Tricolour Flame' political party and exploded, although no-one was injured. The attack scared the two militants and all the inhabitants of the building they were in, who woke up from the noise of the explosion. The attack was denounced by

both the left and right wing political parties

December 19, Santiago, Chile - Explosive attack against a 'Telefonica' branch in San Miguel, Metropolitan Region. The Telefonica blast could be felt within a 10-block radius. The bomb was detonated on the building's interior patio and resulted in a large amount of broken glass from doors and windows. No-one was hurt.

December 18, United Kingdom - Simultaneous 'No Borders' blockades against immigration reporting centres to prevent dawn raids by officials and police. Centres in Glasgow, Newcastle, Bristol and Portsmouth were blockaded by activists using arm-tubes and tripods. Dawn raids are used to gain custody of whole families in order to imprison them. Every day, doors are kicked in and families are snatched from their beds and taken to detention centres, where they are punished for seeking refuge in this country. They are taken away from their houses, jobs, schools and communities - their lives. Immigration Enforcement Officers come in the middle of the night as the children and their parents sleep in bed, and have not left to go to school or work. It also ensures no witnesses are present. There are no official statistics as to the number and regularity of these raids because the government will not release the figures. The fleets of vehicles which have been blockaded this morning indicate large-scale capacity and operation. 'No Borders' does not call for a reform of deportation centres or for 'fairer' immigration controls but for their complete abolition. It is an international network demanding freedom of movement for all and working for this through direct action. No Nation, No Border - Fight Law & Order!

December 15, Hamburg, Germany - 3000 autonomes and anarchists made a black bloc demo against state repression in the centre of Hamburg. The demo was surrounded by high numbers of police and fighting broke out which lasted into the evening, despite the security regulations in place.



December 12, Ghent, Belgium - The Italian consulate of Ghent was damaged with red paint..

December 8, Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver, BC Canada) - Attack on the Royal Bank of Canada. Anarchists attacked the Royal Bank of Canada (a sponsor of the 2010 Olympics) at the intersection of 1st and Commercial. Some exceptionally large pieces of pavement were hurled through the windows. "This is a tiny taste of the mayhem we would like to see submerge the city of Vancouver for 2010. Lets build a constellation of revolt that threatens not only the Olympics but capitalism and the state in general. We propose a new sport to be added to the 2010 games, amateur vandalism of Royal Bank of Canada locations across Vancouver and Canada."

November 30, Fishersgate, UK - EDO MBM arms company attacked. During the early hours of the morning red paint and bricks were thrown at the walls and security cameras. There were no arrests.

November 29, Holland - Young people of almost all high schools in the Netherlands walked out into the streets and started to create chaos. In Amsterdam riot cops on horses chased 13-year old kids over the Museumplein and applied the water canon on them. 250 kids were arrested (in the whole of Holland). At many places small riots broke out, kids pelted buildings and cops with eggs, fireworks and stones. One of the buildings attacked was that of the main media centre in Hilversum and that of the parliament in The Hague. A motivating factor for the rebellion is a new law the government wants to install which forces kids to stay longer in school even

when there are no teachers available. School is a production line to produce obedient workers prepared for wage slavery and monitoring. It frequently fails!

November 26, Thessaloniki, Greece - 2 cars were completely destroyed and another 5 partially damaged by fire after an arson at 2:50 in the morning near PAOK stadium. The arson was against a French car dealership (for the latest revolt in the suburbs of Paris). Vaggelis Botzatzis was arrested and claims innocence, 3 remain fugitive of terrorist charges and 2 were released after custody.

November 26, Diyarbakir, Turkey - Sabotage by militant 'Türk Telekom' telecommunications workers against Turkish Armed Forces fiber-optic telecommunication lines. After a three-week pursuit the police apprehended 17 suspects, among whom were three members of the Turkish Telecommunication Workers Union (Türkiye Haber-İs). The suspects stated that the sabotage was aimed at the 2nd Tactical Air Force Command's communication lines and also the Turkish Armed Forces. Due to the sabotage Turkish F-16s returning from an operation against the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) were unable to land in Diyarbakir. There has been ongoing industrial action by workers of 'Türk Telekom'.

November 26, Villiers-le-Bel, Paris, France - More than 100 police officers were injured, five of them seriously, when bands of youths rioted for days in the suburbs of Paris after the deaths of two minority teenagers. 4 pigs were injured by gun-fire and one riot cop was shot in the shoulder with a high-calibre rifle. The town's police chief was beaten in the face after he tried to negotiate with the rioters. Gun fire was used to attack the Sarcelles police station, which was burnt to the ground. Young people stood around and laughed as they watched it burn to ruins. In addition, 63 vehicles and five buildings, including a library and two schools, were set on fire as the unrest spread to six suburban ghettos north of Paris 24 hours after two youths, aged 15 and 16, were killed when their off-road motorcycle was struck by a police car in the suburb of Villiers-le-Bel. In the first two days of rioting nearly 100 cars and a dozen buildings were set on fire or otherwise damaged by groups of young people. On the A1 highway outside of Paris, bold graffiti letters promised "Revenge for Villiers-le-Bel." Cars were burning in at least four neighboring suburbs, and minor clashes occurred in at least one other town. "That's just the beginning. This is a war. There is no mercy," one youth was reported to have said. "We want two cops dead."

November 23, Georgia, USA - The Albany Dougherty Police Drug Squad compound was fire-bombed Sunday night around 9 PM. Investigators believe that two Molotov cocktails were thrown over a fence from the alley between Pine and Broad Avenue. Four cars were damaged, including one undercover vehicle which was totalled. A marked patrol car was also struck by one of the devices, but was only singed. Police have no suspects but plan to dust the remnants of the two broken bottles for fingerprints.

November 21, France - France's high-speed TGV rail network has been damaged by a "coordinated concerted campaign of sabotage", the SNCF state-owned rail operator has said. It said acts of sabotage overnight, including fires, caused huge delays to TGV services already hit by a long transport union strike over reforms. The SNCF blamed militants for the attacks, saying they wanted to harm ongoing talks to end the strike. Union officials deplored the attacks as acts of vandalism. The week of strikes has caused havoc across France. Businesses started complaining that the strikes are hurting their operations and Finance Minister Christine Lagarde said the dispute was costing France up to 400m euros (£290m) a day.

November 21, Tarragona, Catalonia - Several youths made a symbolic attack on the military barracks of the 'Guardia Civil' (Spanish military police) by throwing several paint bombs and eggs at the front of the building. This action was aimed at defying the very existence of this Spanish repressive military body which is still present throughout the Catalan Countries, as well as to condemn them as torturers and post-Francoists who endorse fascism and are imposed throughout the Catalan region, preventing its social emancipation. After the action 4 young people were pursued and arrested but they refused to give a statement, they were charged with acts of public disorder.

November 19, Barcelona, Catalonia - In response to the murder of Carlos, a 16 year old anti-fa militant by a Nazi in Madrid, anti-fascists and anarchists lit garbage bins on fire and attacked

the headquarters of the regional interior affairs department. Similar demonstrations were also held in Madrid and also ended in open conflict. In Barcelona 10 Police officers were injured and seven protesters were arrested.

November 17, Barcelona, Catalonia - Action in answer to the repression of the Mossos d'Esquadra (Catalan police). Smashed windows, then Molotovs thrown into the town hall of the district Horta-Guinardo. Extracts from the claim - "...Fascism is that there is torture in the police stations and the population turns their heads aside; fascism is that people die trying to cross the economic border of Africa to Europe and people turn their heads aside; fascism is that the parties of the left criticize the aggression of Nazi groups or the extreme-right and later they themselves are responsible for the situation in the police stations, prisons or centers of immigrants. We will not let you return to humiliate to us, no aggression without an answer. This (action) goes to you, Carlos."

November 17, Thessaloniki, Greece - On the day of the student uprising remembrance against the American-backed fascist military junta in 1973, at 4:20 in the morning an anarchist group used gas canister bombs to destroy two police cars, one van, and the glass windows of an office of the municipal police at Evosmos district. A communique appeared at athens.indymedia.org, claiming the action in the name of "A Minor group of mostly mentally disordered persons, with a loose perversion to commit unlawful actions, ruining public and private properties". This is in fact is a term used by V. Floridis, a public prosecutor when he announced that the police will be authorised to perform arrests inside the universities. In Greek law the universities were a refuge from the law, due to the the armed invasion of the police and the army in the schools in 1973 which caused dozens of fatalities and many cases of torture to preserve the power of the junta. The group claims it was an act of solidarity with 3 anarchists imprisoned before for trial - Marios Tsourapas, Chrissostomos Kontorevithakis and Christina Tonidou - and demands "freedom to all captivated prisoners of democracy".

Also, diverse attacks happened during the customary marches of remembrance of the November 1973 events. Stones and paint were thrown at the Court Council of the State, banks and ATMs got damaged. Clashes between protesters and undercover policemen and between protesters and PASOK (ex-ruling party) youth members also happened. (During last year's November 17 march, PASOK youth members had paid some hooligans to beat left wing and anarchist protesters, to defend their bloc

from any possible threat). More than 20,000 people participated in the marches in Athens, while the state mobilised more than 8,000 policemen. Some protesters also attacked the Lefkou Pyrgou Police Departement (At Aristotelous Square) with sticks and stones. In Heraklion, Crete, attacks with stones, bottles and paint were made against bank subsidiaries and security cameras, during the march.

November 12, Larnaca, Cyprus - Gas canister attack against "Elliniki" Bank in Larnaca. Unfortunately police have already charged two suspects, 33 & 34 years old, and claimed they previously attempted to steal money from the bank's ATM, and after failing to do so, they set it on fire using 5 gas canister devices.

November 11, Athens, Greece - Unidentified persons set the Alpha Bank subsidiary at Theatrou Square on fire, a little after midnight. They broke the glass window and threw both gas canisters and Molotov cocktails inside the bank, that resulted in a serious fire, damaging the other floors of the building as well. In a communique sent to "Eleftherotipia" news paper the action claimed for the "Empristikes Sinidisis" (Arsonist Spirits) mentioning: "Our attack was not simply an act of juxtaposition against the centers that manage the Economy. The ashes we left behind us will soon vanish into thin air leaving their place to new offices, darling employees, stable bank rates and anxious consumers", "Our attack didn't target just the mess-up with the normal money circulation, but to immediately attack those who tolerate and consent. To those that sign contracts of obedience, that choose to stand waiting in a bank line faithfully repeating the advertising paradigms, reproducing such strong good-civilian feelings", "It was an attack of active solidarity and a message for what is about to follow, dedicated to Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis, who expropriated the "Ethiki" Bank at Gizi, denying to come to terms with the legality of this world."

November 11, Prague, Czech - Anarchist & Anti-Fa black bloc smashed a Neo-Nazi demo called by the organisation 'Young National Democrats'. 300 to 400 Neo-Nazis arrived in the Czech capital with the intention to march through its historic Jewish Quarter on the anniversary of Nazi Germany's "Night of Broken Glass" pogrom against Jews. A police presence of 1615 officers on the streets barred most Neo-Nazis from getting anywhere near the historic Jewish district, stopping them in metro stations and elsewhere. Two bus loads of German right-wing extremists never reached the city centre and were turned back to Germany. 1,500 anarchists gath-

ered in the city to protest the banned Neo-Nazi march, chasing and beating up the Neo-Nazis who made it downtown. Forty anarchists armed with sticks were detained after they turned against the police who tried to break up the clashes and protect the Nazis. Police detained 396 radicals, 40 of whom were anti-fascists, during the clashes between anarchists and Neo-Nazis. Nearly 200 will be charged with misdemeanors. The police confiscated many weapons, including guns, batons and knives. Medics treated seven people, including one policeman, for head injuries sustained in the street fighting.

November 10, Larnaca, Cyprus - The anarchist "Zenon' Larnaca Resistance Group" claimed responsibility for an explosion outside a Hellenic Bank branch in Larnaca. The attack occurred at 4am. It involved five gas bombs placed at the bank's front entrance and setting of fire to papers outside the door. The explosion caused material damage to the building, while no efforts had been made to break in. The arsonists' actions were recorded by the bank's security cameras. Police arrested a handful of people in connection with the case. They were later released after nothing incriminating was found against them. According to a letter sent to Politis newspaper on November 18 by the group, the attack was targeted at aspects of society which create an air of deceptive tranquillity. "Deceptive, because even when the passiveness that facilitates the state in carrying out its plans, and has been accepted by the majority of the population, there will still be resistance that bring down the deception of almighty capitalism," the letter said. At this point the letter referred to the violent reaction by Lymbia residents in May over government proposals to create a waste disposal plant. The organisation said the bank had been targeted as the main symbol of capitalism and the largest enemy of the oppressed, blaming banks for their extortionate loans and excessive interest rates. It also said capitalists became richer due to the existence of banks as well as the institution of wage labour. "We could no longer remain indifferent to this cruel exploitation and did what is all too clear for every oppressed person," the organisation said. The group added that it welcomed similar attacks on banks and a political offices in Nicosia which it said had prompted its own participation in the "struggle for social and individual independence".

November 8, Athens, Greece - Gas canister exploded near a police station. 13 gas canisters (only two of them exploded) were placed near a police station in Patissia district, Athens. Near them were found some leaflets demanding "Freedom to Zoniana". Zoniana is a village in Crete where, after a policeman got injured when unknown persons opened fire against him, the police took over the whole village with more than 200 men from the special police forces, undercover policemen and riot police units on an inquiry of any violations of arms and drugs laws. The Zoniana residents got mistreated and many of them beaten by the policemen that besieged the village.

November 2, Manchester, UK - The locks of the 'Northern Assurance' Building were super-glued shut in the early hours of the morning. This was an act of sabotage against FD Tamesis, housed in this building, intended to highlight the company's involvement in the construction of what will be the UK's largest immigrant deportation centre, 'Brook House' near Gatwick Airport. Financial Dynamics, of which FD Tamesis is the Manchester branch, is a 'business and financial communications' consultancy firm which is managing public relations for Brook House on behalf of the UK Home Office.



October 26, New York City, USA - Early morning explosives rocked the Mexican Consulate shattering windows and waking neighbors, nearly one year to the day since gunmen sympathetic to the Mexican ruling party assassinated anarchist Brad Will. The murder of Brad Will sparked weeks of protest in his home of New York City. Demonstrators occasionally got unruly and left the Mexican Consulate on East 39th Street damaged. NYPD detectives have reviewed surveillance cameras from the area and believe that a lone man in his 20s hurled two small home made grenade-like explosive devices at the consulate building around 3:30 am this morning and left the scene on a bicycle. The attack has been compared to a 2005 attack at the British Consulate (an artisan pipe bomb was detonated damaging the facade of the building). Windows were broken but no one was injured in either incident nor have police made any arrests or named any suspects but at least one local anarchist was questioned by the FBI in connection with the 2005 bombing.

October 21, Copenhagen, Denmark - A group of black-clad autonomen attacked extreme-right group 'Stop Islamisation Of Europe' (SIOE), prior to a demonstration they had announced outside the Institute of Human Rights. The anti-fascists ambushed 2 vehicles holding the security team and organisers of the event, seriously injuring 4 people. The autonomen were not arrested and fled the scene. The extreme-right wing group claimed a senior organiser and a security team member would have been killed had they not been wearing stab-proof vests.

October 19, Thessaloniki, Greece - Gas canister attacks against bank and ruling political party offices. At 4 o'clock in the morning a fire erupted on an ATM device of an 'Ethniki' bank subsidiary at Ydra square, in Kalamaria. 15 minutes later, a gas canister attack lead to an arson at the Nea Dimokratia (ruling party) offices on Efessou Str. 54, causing glass windows to break and minor damages. A group named Foundation 'Gilles Bonnot' claimed responsibility for the attacks, with the following text: "Capitalism can be brought down. But not with arguments. - Eternal youth/ my night-time companion/ we are both fully aware of it/ that two explosions like the ones last night/ at Ethniki bank in Ydras square/ and at the N.D. offices in Krini/ worth truly more/ than two full spades of diamonds. - Dedicated to Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis. Freedom to all prisoners. - Foundation 'Gilles Bonnot'. Notes: Nea Dimokratia (N.D) is the ruling party in Greece. Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis is an anarchist arrested after a bank expropriation in Athens.

October 17, Brighton, UK - A policeman was attacked by about 50 cows, leaving him with four broken ribs and a punctured lung. Inspector Chris Poole, 50, said the cattle repeatedly butted and stamped on him when he was out walking his dog on the South Downs earlier this month. The officer, from Brighton, Sussex, said he was crossing a field along a footpath. One cow butted him in the back, forcing him to the ground, before the others joined in, he recalled. Inspector Poole said he managed to escape when his dog fled, distracting the cows. He was taken to Eastbourne District General Hospital by air ambulance after attracting the attention of another dog walker. He also suffered from severe bruising from his thighs to his shoulder, and almost died three days later when one of his broken ribs severed an artery. Now that's what we call Animal Liberation!

October 16, Kimberley, UK - Anti-fascists successfully blockaded a British National Party (BNP) meeting venue. The hall was surrounded by anti-fascists from well before the event was scheduled to take place. The anti-fascists massively outnumbered the police as well as the BNP and their supporters. Antifash wrote: "In a pincer move of dangerous guile and cunning we approached the parish hall where the fash were due to meet from two different directions. In a bit of an anti-climax there were only a handful of coppers and no obvious fascist presence. We quickly moved into a line to completely block the front of the hall, preventing any movement in and out. After a bit of pushing and shoving with the outnumbered police we had a line several people deep across the driveway to the hall. Down at the other end people blocked the pedestrian entrance to the hall. No wannabe fascists were going to get into this meeting."

October 9, Buenos Aires, Argentina - "In the cold and damp hours of the morning, some hands placed an explosive device in a 'Volkswagen' dealership located at the intersection of Castro Barros and Hipolito Hiriogoyen streets, in the capital city. In the area were found pamphlets with the following note: "This morning, we hit the 'Volkswagen' dealership. This morning, we demonstrated our hatred towards the German state that has incarcerated our companions. We demand the immediate liberation of Gabriel Pombo Da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado, who are found in the extermination centers of the German state, and all the prisoners of the world. Fire to the state, to capital and its prisons. Free Jose and Gabriel. Revolutionary Black Cells. Kurt Gustav Wilckens Brigade." Notes: Kurt Gustav Wilckens was born on the 3th of November 1886 in Germany. As an anarchist he was active in Germany, the United States and Argentina. In 1922 he decided to hit the Argentinean lieutenant-colonel Varela who is responsible for the slaughter of 1500 striking land workers in Patagonia. The 25th of January 1923 he throws a bomb to Varela. The bomb hits both legs and Varela grasps his sable. Wilckens pulls his revolver and finishes the hangman. He is arrested and locked up. In the night of 16th of June 1926 Wilckens gets killed in his cell by the prison guard Perez Millan (member of the Patriotic League).



October 6, Berne, Switzerland - Autonomen and anarchists wrecked havoc at a right-wing political rally by building barricades, throwing petrol bombs and torching cars. The Swiss capital of Berne was turned into a battle zone when anarchists and left-wing radicals seized control of the main square outside parliament, routing the main far-right political party two weeks before a general election and catching the Swiss police off guard. Police officers admitted they had been outwitted by the guerrilla tactics of the rioters who set fires, lifted paving stones, torched vehicles, hurled stones and petrol bombs, and laid waste to jewelers' stores and posh watch dealers. The planned right-wing rally was disrupted by up to 1,000 masked autonomous street fighters who blocked the SVP's (Swiss Peoples party) progress, outwitted the police by operating in small groups moving in and out of the crowds, and ransacked the SVP stage and campaign equipment. The Federal Square, site of a charming Saturday morning flower and vegetable market, resembled a war zone by Saturday night, littered with debris, masonry, shattered glass and torched metal. The city mayor admitted "impotence" in the face of the riots. The SVP is lead by Christoph Blocher, a tough-talking populist and millionaire industrialist. The far-right party won the elections later in the year, following an anti-immigrant campaign. The party's main election poster bears the slogan: My Home, Our Switzerland, Keep It Secure. It shows three white sheep kicking a black sheep off the red-and-white Swiss flag. Police said 18 officers and three protesters were injured. There was 42 arrests. The violence prevented 10,000 supporters of the People's Party from marching through Berne to a square in front of parliament to hear leading party members speak, including Justice Minister Christoph Blocher and Defense Minister Samuel Schmid.

October 6, Copenhagen, Denmark - Dramatic scenes in Copenhagen as anarchists and autonomen attempted to squat a large plot of land and warehousing named "G13." On Saturday 6th, between 3,000 - 6,000 people took part in a co-ordinated day of action and resistance which was met with heavy police repression. All the time demon-

strators used the confrontational, but non-violent, methods accepted by all. That meant people pushed police lines, climbed over secured police-vans, used ladders to get over fences, used tools for cutting fences, used gas-masks to stay inside the gassed areas, ran around in 4 big decentralised groups, crossed railway tracks. The police used dog units, batons and an amount of CS gas never seen in Denmark before. The people made it through police lines into the G13 site, to occupy it for several hours, but were cleared from the building. Also the pigs arrested a total of 437 people, which is this time this has been done in a single police action. People were left on concrete floor, their hands tied up for hours with no water and so on, but a few crafty ones were able to slip their bonds...

October 6, Athens, Greece - Mobile phone antenna brought down. More than 40 people responded to the Residents' Committee and took part in an open air sabotage of a 'WIND' mobile phone antenna placed in an area with kindergardens and schools in Prombona area of Ano Patisia.

October 2, Brighton, UK - Firefighters were called out twice in two hours after cars were deliberately set on fire. The first incident took place at around midnight when a 'parked 'Kia Pride' was destroyed. Fire crews dealt with the blaze and were later called to a downtown area near Church Place in Brighton at around 2am, where an 'Austin Metro' was on fire.

October 2, 2007, Brussels, Belgium - A BMW dealership in Brussels was attacked with Molotov cocktails in solidarity with Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado, anarchist prisoners. At least two vehicles were consumed by flames.

October 1, Brussels, Belgium - Attacks on German consulate and BMW dealership. The German consulate in Brussels was attacked with paint bombs in solidarity with Jose and Gabriel and all the prisoners in struggle.

September 29, Everywhere, Global - "Today the 29th of September is an international day of solidarity with prisoners in struggle, and more particularly for Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado, anarchist prisoners in Germany. Prison is the clearest expression of this society based on money, collective stupidity and the imprisonment of deviance (psychiatric, social, sexual). We struggle from the inside and outside to conquer the freedom

which is ours. No guards nor prisons will stop our rebellion! International Solidarity!"

September 29, Vancouver, Coast Salish Territory, (Canada) - "Windows of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) at Hastings and Nanaimo were relieved of their structural integrity by a small group of anarchists in the late evening with the help of fist-sized stones. This action was done in solidarity with anarchists Gabriel Pombo da Silva, Jose Fernandez Delgado, and Marcos Camenish, who were on hunger strike in European prisons. As well as to contribute to the actions taking place worldwide on this international day of action. RBC was hit because it is a bank. A fundamental institution which reproduces Capital. The very system (at the service and profit of a bunch of vultures) that exploits people worldwide and destroys life in general; as it simultaneously creates spectacular events of repression. Such as the 2010 Olympics, which is conveniently sponsored by RBC. Capitalism, with its prisons and banks, like RBC, exist worldwide. Let the road to the Olympics be littered with the wreckage we leave in their place!" Anarchists also squatted a house to make an info evening about Gabriel and Jose.

September 29, Madrid, Spain - Three real estate offices in the barrio of Prosperidad got their locks sealed in solidarity with Gabriel, Jose, Marco and all other prisoners in struggle.

September 29, Zurich, Switzerland - In front of the Bezirksgericht about seventy persons gathered in solidarity with Marco, Gabriel, Jose and Mehmet Esiyok. Pamphlets are distributed.

September 29, Rheinbach & Aachen, Germany - About 70 comrades gathered at the prisons of Rheinbach and Aachen, in solidarity with anarchist prisoners Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado. At Rheinbach, about 200 tennis balls with messages against prison fly over the wall. In Aachen the comrades outside could hear the shouts of Gabriel Pombo da Silva. A text was read and distributed to the few people who passed by.

September 29, Ghent, Belgium - About 70 people took the streets and demonstrated through the city centre in solidarity with Gabriel, Jose and all prisoners in struggle. The demo ends in front of the prison of Ghent. In Brussel several slogans of rage appeared on building like 'Death to prison and its world' at the Hallepoort, 'Let's burn prison' at the Justice Tribunal. Two banners were hung on the big roads around the centre of Brussels.

September 28, Bilbao, Euskadi - About thirty individuals gathered at the German Consulate and distributed pamphlets in solidarity with Gabriel, Jose and all prisoners in struggle. Some entered the Consulate to make them send a fax to the German Ambassador in Madrid and the German minister of Foreign Affairs.

September 28, Montevideo, Uruguay - "In the night of Friday 28th of September the locks of the Goethe Institute (German cultural institution) and Iberia [Spanish Airlines Company] got sealed. On the side (of the building) 'Solidarity with Gabriel and Jose' and an circled A was written. A small gesture to greet the comrades who made an appeal to solidarity with our imprisoned comrades."

September 28, Castellen, Spain - The imprisoned anarchist comrade Joaquin Garces Villacampa goes on hunger strike till the 30th of September for the following reasons: "- As a protest against the abhorrent repressive practices against the anarchist comrades Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez, prisoners of the German State. - For the abolition of State - Capital, privilege and domination in the broadest meaning of the word. LONG LIVE FREEDOM - DESTROY PRISON - FREE ANARCHIST PRISONERS"

September 27, Barcelona, Catalonia - DuPont company directors house attacked in Barcelona. The sabotage is framed within the international fight to shut down 'Huntingdon Life Sciences' (HLS) animal vivisection company. The claim - "Last night from 27 to 28 September we decided to visit once again our good friend Teresa, she is a director of DuPont, a company linked to HLS. We felt incredibly happy about meeting with her again that we had to express our love by breaking her windows..", "Stop playing doctor with your friends at HLS or their shit will continue hitting you more and more. We are getting closer and our relationship will get more intense every minute. Until every cage is empty. Animal liberation now! - Animal Liberation Front"

September 26, California, USA - "A BMW auto and an S.U.V. owned by Paul Moravek of 1613 Tyler Drive in Fullerton California will be needing new paint jobs after tonight, the night of Sunday Sept 23 2007. Paul will also notice his driveway flowing blood red, with the pristine white cement thoroughly stained. Paul Moravek is V.P. of Moravek Biochemicals, a company in the practice of producing and selling hazardous and radioactive substances. As if this isn't moral violation enough, Moravek INC. is in the habit of supplying their toxic and deadly wares to H.L.S. where they are used to induce untold pain and disease upon hundreds of animals on a daily basis. H.L.S. conducts fraudulent science and tortures and murders without conscience. For your support of H.L.S. Moravek, you were rewarded with a visit from the Animal Liberation Front. Next time you cash an H.L.S. check remember that your gated neighborhood isn't very secure. Remember that we stood in your driveway and watched the flickering blue light from your TV. Remember that we are capable of doing so much more. Tonight we used restraint that we are not convinced you deserve. Drop H.L.S. or there will be a next time. - ALF"

September 24, Santiago, Chile - The prestigious Santa Maria church was bombed, no-one was injured. Here is part of the communique: "This is what the press and the state hide: We bombed the Santa Maria church in Santiago, Chile. A cavern for the privileged people of this country. Blessed hypocrites directly responsible for the fascist dictatorship that generated this deceitful democracy praised by their damned God. We bombed the place which is erected on the missing corpses that their brave patriotic heroes assassinated. This September we interrupted its festive tricolors with our revolutionary joy.", "At every moment some of us exist watching them. We are everywhere. Groups De Ataque Anti-Autoritario."

September 22, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Action of solidarity with Giannis Dimitrakis, anarchist prisoner of Greece. At dawn a branch of the real estate chain of Arkis (Greek ownership), located in the district of San Telmo, was painted with slogans in solidarity with Giannis Dimitrakis, companion anarchist kidnapped by the Greek state. Giannis Dimitrakis out on the street!

September 18, Zürich, Switzerland - A few persons occupy Radio Lora and read a communique in solidarity with anarchist

prisoners Gabriel, Jose and Marco. Three persons go on hunger strike in solidarity with Gabriel, Jose and Marco.

September 16, Switzerland & Germany - Anarchist prisoners Marco Camenisch (Switzerland), Gabriel Pombo da Silva and Jose Fernandez Delgado (Germany) start a hunger strike till the 29th of September.

September 1, Copenhagen, Denmark - A several thousand strong demo marked the six months anniversary of the eviction of Ungdomshuset, a long-running autonomous project and social space. In 2000, the local government sold the building to a Christian group that obtained a court order to evict the squatters. Squatters running the centre were evicted from the building by an anti-terror squad on 1 March, sparking the worst civil unrest in Denmark since World War 2. The six months anniversary demo was followed by a street party with sound-system on the site of the now torn down Ungdomshuset. During the night the party erupted into a full blown riot resulting in massive damage to several franchise stores and banks, burning barricades and cars, several injured police officers and a burnt riot van. During the riots approximately 65 people were arrested, 5 of whom were detained longer than 24 hours. Many were charged with disturbing the peace or assaulting a police officer.

August 31, Lancashire, UK - Prisoners revolted at Lancashire Farms Young Offenders Institution when the prison guards went on a national strike for better pay and benefits. The guards attempted to lock down 500 inmates into their cells but prisoners on two wings resisted and caused "significant damage" More than 120 quick reaction control and restraint officers, known as 'Tornado Teams', were sent in from several prisons to put down the rebellion. Eight tornado teams - containing about 16 officers each - were sent from other prisons across the region. A number of youths were ghosted to other prisons following the trouble.

August 30, Svolvær, Lofoten Islands, Norway - Whaling ship destroyed by ecological militants. Here is the claim: "On the night of

August 30th we decided to celebrate the end of commercial whaling in Iceland by removing a large section of cooling pipe in the engine room of the Norwegian whaler "Willassen Senior". After ensuring that the vessel was unoccupied the salt water intake valve was opened unleashing a torrent of water into the heart of the killer ship that two years earlier took 14 minutes to brutally murder a threatened minke whale. The sinking of the whaler and the silencing of its deadly harpoon is dedicated to the memory of the Yangtze river dolphin who because of humankind's greed will never again grace the waters of our blue planet. The turn of our wrenches is a rational response to a world where tens of thousands of species disappear every year."

August 28, 29 & 30, Cornwall, UK - Urban sprawl targeted as people burn down expensive new houses in poor rural areas. Police in Cornwall are linking three arson attacks on new housing estates in the county. The attacks destroyed the designer kitchen of a show home in Penryn and a portable building and marketing suite at two sites in Truro. The fires occurred on three consecutive nights. Police say they have not ruled out the possibility that they were caused by Cornish independence activists who have threatened action over the issue of affordable housing, unsustainable development and manipulation of rural areas.

August 21, Brecon Beacons, UK - The Brecon beacons gas pipeline works were sabotaged during a night action as part of the week of action against climate change and in defense of the earth. Armed with only a wrecking bar and determination, a small team was able to bypass the poor security and render immobile a total of 11 machines including tipper trucks and excavators. Major engine and hydraulic components were destroyed and the pipeline itself was holed in several places. This action was carried out by normal people and was easy to achieve others should consider similar actions. The pipeline is destroying natural habitats in order to supply a fuel that we cannot burn if the life on this planet is to survive.

August 19, Amsterdam, Holland - Sabotage of luxury vehicles in solidarity with Jeff 'Free' Luers. Here is the claim from the group responsible: "On the night of Sunday 19th - Monday 20th, 23 cars (most sport utility vehicles) got damaged by putting building foam inside the (key) trigger. And with graffiti on the outside saying "Free Jeff". This action is in solidarity

with Jeff "Free" Luers, condemned by the Oregon courts. He was sent to prison for 23 years. He is a victim of the green scare and we want to support him and tell him he's not alone!"

August 19, Great Yarmouth, UK - A police station in Norfolk came under siege in the early hours of the morning when a group of about 100 people built barricades and hurled stones, beer and wine bottles at the pig station. The attack in Great Yarmouth happened after police brutally raided and broke up a free party at an industrial estate and arrested three people in a van carrying sound equipment. Ch Supt Bob Scully said the arrested people were not involved in the police station attack as they had been arrested for possessing sound equipment, but they were linking the two incidents. The attack was declared a major incident by Norfolk Police. Police said they broke up the "unlicensed music event" at a warehouse on the Harfrej industrial estate on the outskirts of the resort just before midday, then the crowd gathered to attack. 15 people were arrested.

August 14, Sarstedt, Germany - Militant action against the nuclear company "E.ON". 6 vehicles of the company were burnt causing a damage of about 300.000 Euro. The fire destroyed four Volkswagen vans, one car and a work vehicle in the fenced area of the company.

August 10, Berlin, Germany - Amongst the cars burned down at the weekend there was a luxury 'Porsche' sports-car and a 'Hummer' jeep, as well as a 'Renault Megane'. Vehicles of nuclear company 'Siemens AG' and a 'Opel Meriva' car of the Bundeswehr (Federal Defense Force - the united armed forces of Germany, were set on fire. In the night of the 10th of August unknown people let down the air of the tires of two cars of the Deutsche Bahn (train company) in Friedrichshain. Besides these actions there were others: So more cars were set on fire in Hamburg over the last nights and in Schassneberg unknown people cut the tires of four 'Daimler-Chrysler' luxury cars. It looks like the militant campaign is not over after the G8 and neither is it intimidated by the raids, as especially the arson attack on a Bundeswehr vehicle shows. In the course of this it was a hot summer for the nuclear industry.

August 4, Oxfordshire, UK - A riot broke out in the Campsfield House immigration prison, leading to 26 migrants escaping. 15 have since been recaptured, while the rest are still on the run. It followed a yard protest on Tuesday night against the appalling

conditions inside the detention centre, which is run by American company GEO, and the discriminatory decisions of Newport immigration court, which is used for bail hearings and appeals involving Campsfield detainees. Three solidarity demos were held on Tuesday midday at Campsfield House, Lindholme (Doncaster) and the Communication House (London).

July 30, Essex, UK - Earth Liberation Front hits 'Rio Tinto Alcan' in Essex in solidarity with Saving Iceland, here is the claim - "Rio Tinto Alcan, perhaps the worlds worst polluter / murderer, had one of its factories sabotaged in Essex in retaliation for buying into the ecocide of Iceland. Damage was done in support of the ongoing campaign against the heavy industrialisation of Iceland. In the early hours of 30/07/07, saboteurs struck at Smurfit Kappa, a plastics factory owned by Rio Tinto Alcan in Chelmsford, Essex. The gates were locked shut, office doors and loading bays were sabotaged with glue and a message left painted on the wall. Vehicles belonging to Rio Tinto were also sabotaged. Rio Tinto, who have recently acquired the business have arguably the worse record of any corporation for abuse of the earth and its people. Whether they're sponsoring and training paramilitaries committing genocide in the South Pacific, removing entire mountain tops in Africa or strip mining virgin rainforest that belongs to indigenous tribes, they must be stopped. Rio Tinto's recent acquisition of Alcan makes them party to the greatest ecological crime currently being committed in Europe. They are looking to turn Iceland's great wildernesses into a series of monolithic power stations to power aluminum smelters; one of the most polluting and energy intensive industries in the world. Rio Tinto bring repression wherever they go, in Bougainville in the South Pacific they hired mercenaries to rape and murder all who opposed their massive copper mine, Panguna. Their invasion into Iceland is no different and protests against heavy industry are being met with police violence and activists are fitted up and subject to state sponsored slander. It's necessary to hit Rio Tinto where it hurts, on the bottom line, the balance sheet. Where it matters. Earth Liberation Front."

July 21, Santiago, Chile - An explosive device detonated outside

THE BOMBS (1915)



It had a strong charm within us of Abyss and Sun. More than with Iron and Fire, we used to call with ideas and this was their charm.

We used to say: Their mobility was justice. We have to cry a lot before killing somebody.

Therefore, if one is the one who throws it, who loads them, we are all. Their loads are our sadness, blood, pain and tears. That's why they blow up that way, always against the tyranny : Never against our people.

And the dynamite was like a big brother. Even more, like our father, killing to save us. Thanks to him, we can keep our hopes up, seeing how the bourgeois consternate, and be, at least for an instance filled with fear and respect.

Oh yes, it had a supreme abyss and sun. And it was ours. It's explosion was like a cranium full of our sadness.

But now, no we talk about the embarrassed bombs. Now they are not loaded with sadness, but with fury. They no longer explode against the tyranny, but at children's feet; they no longer justify, they are criminal. Any uniformed prick makes them blow from the machine to a city who sleeps, or to a countryside full of labourers, or to a village who are singing or praying: To fate, where they end up, they end up.

We are embarrassed. Yesterday.. Yesterday?.. Everyday the news talk about the bourgeois bombings. They are sown by planes and or zeppelins - from the sky. And they carry amongst our people the injustice, death and cowardness, like their own lives.

Oh, our bombs! - We are ashamed. ASHAMED!

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From "Carteles I", a series of Spanish language anarchist texts circulating in the Spanish prison system and beyond. Translated into English by anarchist prisoner Rafael "Jon-Bala" Martínez Zea.

325 will print the articles in serial form and also as a complete pamphlet alongside the second part of the collection of texts, "Carteles II".

the front of the home of the Chilean Home Minister Patricia Poblete, to the east of Santiago. The police claimed that there had been no damage inflicted to property or people. The device was placed in ■ waste basket located to the front of the residence of the Minister, in the town of Vitacura. Poblete was at home when it happened. The identity of the people responsible is not known. The past Sunday 15 of July an explosive device exploded in the building of the embassy of Great Britain in Santiago, while Wednesday and Friday false alarms were made in the embassies of the U.S.A. and Canada.

July 18, Madrid, Spain - 30 real estate agents had their locks sealed with glue and defaced with paint. This was done in solidarity with the self-organised squatted social centre 'La Alarma', which is threatened with eviction. The slogans painted on the estate agents declared "No to the evictions" and "We will continue dreaming, we will continue squatting". The claim announced that "We try with this action to make visible the existing conflict between real estate and the occupied social centers".

July 17, Santiago, Chile - The "Leon Czolgosz Autonomous and Destructive Forces" claimed responsibility for an attack against the British Embassy in Santiago to protest the aggression against Iraq and Afghanistan, in an e-mail sent to some Chilean media. The anarchist group named after Czolgosz, the assassin of US President William McKinley, also claimed responsibility for last year's explosion at the National Intelligence Agency, to prove its vulnerability. The British Embassy explosion caused damage to the first floor windows and diplomatic personnel on the scene later said they had not been threatened prior to the attack. Police are continuing investigations while the embassy announced stricter security measures. According to Chilean media, the electronic mail sent by the group said the

attack "represents our armed solidarity with the anti-imperialist resistance that fight the cowardly occupying armies, in the lands where capital seeks to bury its claws.", "We are talking about Iraq, Afghanistan, and many other territories that refuse to bear the harmful presence of these criminals in their lands. Criminals that assassinate and torture, sent and supported by the rotten monarchy led by the Elizabethan corpse, which still breathes for now.", "This action expresses our rejection of the continuous support that the monarchic British state delivers to the Zionist State. This action shows our unrestricted support to the autonomous and insurrectionist groups that are within England who want to strike against monarchy and capital. We greet you companions!", "We celebrate the death of each stupid soldier of the imperial armies, the ones that died when their mother country sent them to attack other cities. We celebrate the defeat that the military suffers when each truck explodes into the air on Iraqi land. We celebrate the defeat of your world! Our Demands Are: The immediate withdrawal of the troops of the allied army in all the places of the planet where they are. The immediate withdrawal of the Chilean police troops in the Mapuche territory. The absolute and immediate disappearance of the State of Israel and all the States. The liberation of all the Political Prisoners of the world, and the execution of its jailers. We make ■ call to spread and materialise attacks against the interests of the imperialists."

July 7, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico - Two patrol cars of the Federal cops were set on fire at 5pm, in the parking lot of a convenience store. The agents were inside the store when some people launched Molotovs, burning the cars completely.

July 6, Brighton, UK - 12 incidents of cars being deliberately set alight in parts of Brighton are being linked by police. Previously on the 4th July, six cars were burnt in the city. Police now believe the same people were responsible for more vehicles being set fire to this week in Whitehawk Road, Hartington Road and Ditchling Road. There have been no arrests but forensic work is being carried out with the fire service and police.

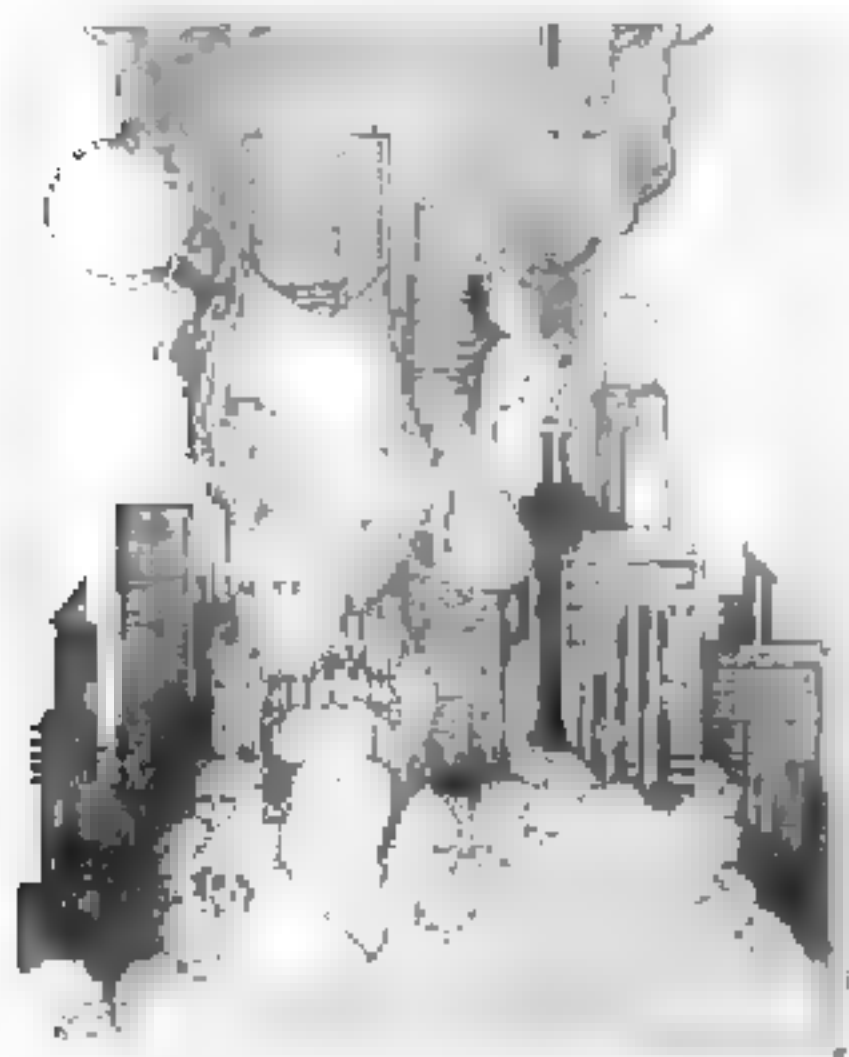
July 5, Guipuzcoa, Spain - After some mass conflict and street violence against police, people cut the railroad of the RENFE (Rail company), interrupting for more than 2 hours the railroad traffic in Guipuzcoa, with the suspension of 5 convoys of merchandises and delay of another 7. This is an act of sabotage against the RENFE corporation in Guipuzcoa which destroys natural areas and facilitates the rule of the capitalists.

July 5, Sanguesa, Navarrese, Spain - The main Post Offices in Sanguesa were attacked with 4 Molotov cocktails. Part of the facade of the building was burnt. One hour before, the Guardia Civil (Paramilitary police) had reported another attack after 3 homemade devices exploded against the government offices of the Treasury of the Social Security.

July 5, Thessaloniki, Greece - An arsonist device of artisan production blew up the front of the headquarters of the 'New Democracy' ruling political party, provoking some damages to the building. The device was manufactured with gasoline cans and blew up before dawn in the zone of Triandria.

July 3, Turin, Italy - Anarchist-insurrectionist group FAI RAT (Informal Anarchist Federation Rivolta Anonima Tremenda/ Tremendous Anonymous Revolt) sent ■ explosive letter devices to the editor of the "Torino Cronaca" daily newspaper, Beppe Ditches, and also to the reporter of "La Stampa" newspaper, Massimo Numa, for writing and printing reactionary articles against migrants and anarchists. Part of the claim for the action declared "You will stop and think! Or you will end up dead!". In March, the FAI RAT claimed responsibility for 3 homemade explosive devices, made with pressure cookers and placed in trash cans, detonated ■ Turin's bourgeois Crocetta neighborhood. The blasts destroyed two trash cans but caused no casualties. The FAI RAT declared it a part of their campaign against Temporary Residence Centers (CPT's- immigration detention centres) in the city. Several people have been arrested.

June 8, Berlin, Germany - Several incidents occurred in Berlin on the finishing night of the G8. Unknown culprits destroyed several windowpanes of a Job-centre in Neukolln. A bank in Pankow was also destroyed by a large group. In Treptow, a 16 person group set fire to ■ cars and smashed another 4. A 'BMW' in the Bucklingstrasse in Friedrichshain was burned about 2.45am whereby also a 'Skoda' standing beside it was pulled in. At the Rudolfplatz in the same quarter, about 3 o'clock two 'BMW's were ignited. An 'Opel' standing in between caught fire and burned from. In both cases,



the fire department put the fires out. At the Willmannsdamm a "Renault Traffic" was set on fire. Another 'Mercedes' was set in flames about 2.15am on the parking lot of a groceries discounter in the Neuköllner. At around 9pm 400 people had attended an unregistered demonstration which was declared illegal by the police. Towards the end of the demonstrations as the police attempted to disperse the people, they had bottles and stones thrown at them. There were 6 arrests and one pig was injured by a stone. There were several cars damaged on the outskirts of the demo.

June 8, Greece - Co-ordinated firebombing attacks in Athens and Thessaloniki. Five separate arson attacks on German-related targets in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki in solidarity with the resistance against the G-8 summit in Heiligendamm, Northern Germany. Unknown assailants threw homemade bombs that destroyed six cars and an ATM and damaged a shop and a state employment office in overnight attacks, police said. Among the property damaged was ■ cash machine at a downtown 'Lidl' supermarket, ■ 'Miele' domestic appliances shop, and the front of ■ government employment office. Six 'Mercedes' cars at two different dealerships were also destroyed. No arrests were made and no one was hurt in the attacks. A 'Toyota' dealership was also set on fire at 3am. The other overnight attacks occurred in Athens in which three separate German targets including ■ German school bus and 'Opel' and 'Mercedes' dealerships were damaged. Police believe that the attacks in both cities were carried out by anarchists.

June 2, Rostock, Germany - A 5000 person strong international black bloc of anarchists & anti-capitalists fought the police and attacked banks, supermarkets and other businesses in the coastal town of Rostock. In a show of force against the G8 conference of world leaders over 400 cops were injured, 26 of them seriously. The anarchists used fire-works, flares, stones, sticks and a few Molotov cocktails to fight the police. Journalists from the mainstream media were also attacked and their cameras smashed. Cars were used as barricades and set on fire. There were around 150 arrests, a low number considering the disorder. At one point in the manifestation a police vehicle was totally smashed and the pigs inside heavily injured with stones and flag-poles. The cops used water cannons, tear-gas and snatch-squads against the rioters, but were forced back and had to maintain a distance from the crowd. The overall demonstration was attended by around 70,000 people and ended with a concert and a riot in the harbour area of the city.

Report from the Autonomous Spaces Gathering, Dijon, France



On 24th & 25th of November, an autonomous/free spaces gathering was held at the squatted social centre Les Tanneries in Dijon. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss co-ordinating a decentralized weekend of actions in defence of free spaces in April 2008 in the face of continued and, in some cases, increasing repression from the state and capital. It was also an opportunity to meet each other, find out what other projects are out there, share experiences and ideas, and to set up the infrastructure for an intersquat network.

About 120 people from about 25 countries attended the meeting in Dijon. The first day began with a presentation round and was followed by discussion in small groups (which fed back to the gathering as a whole) about strategy, and analyzing what the concept of free space actually meant to people. For some, it was very much about living space, for others, the free space project was seen almost solely as a tool to generate and connect with generalized social struggle. For example, those from the Yfanet

project in Thessaloniki were very clear about their desire to move away from discussion about saving particular spaces and to frame the discussion more in terms of how we can move and maintain our political space, discourse and activity - beyond the walls of individual structures. In Poland too, the Poznan crew were in a situation similar to those in Greece where, under no threat of eviction, their energy was spent on connecting with broader social struggles such as that against rent increases and recent economic changes. In other places, where for example, housing is more precarious and expensive, and squatting is increasingly difficult such as Berlin and Barcelona - some squats lasting no more than a couple of hours, the focus was on fighting to save autonomous living and collective space.

The discussions touched on various issues: the pros and cons of legalization, the trend for police forces from different countries exchanging tactics, strategies for moving out of the anarchist/autonomist ghetto and becoming more visible and engaged in social struggle, and how to move away from a defensive position to a more offensive one.

There was a desire for the next meeting to discuss some of these issues in greater depth.

The second and last day of the meeting consisted of setting up infrastructure for an Intersquat Network. The following groups were set up:

april2008-coordination

If you not only want to be kept informed, but also want to actively join the april2008 process in your



city, you should request subscription to the april2008-coordination e-mail list, by sending an e-mail to april2008@squat.net, quickly introducing your collective and your motivation to take part. If you also want to contribute to a specific working-group, the following mailing-lists have been created. To join one of them, please specify it in your introduction mail to april2008@squat.net:

april2008-translation

To facilitate translation of all april2008 related documents to be published on the website in multiple languages.

So if you're willing to share your language skills, please join!

april2008-zine

To collect texts about autonomous spaces, squatting, gentrification and related topics, in order to collect resources for local collectives to put up fanzines to mobilize for april2008.

april2008-radio

To make Internet and FM radio before/ during/after? the april2008 mobilisation days, to collect audio materials on related topics to include in the programs, etc.

april2008-newspaper

To publish and distribute an "inspired by april2008" newspaper with a focus on squats and autonomous spaces, prior to April 2008.

april2008-www

To maintain the april2008 website and digital resources, and organise a web editorial team for action reports and miscellaneous contents.

A wiki - a collaborative website - was also set up. Every page can be edited, simply by clicking on a button, while modifications are kept in memory. It is a great tool for different people to work altogether, on a text document, on translations, on meeting minutes, etc.

The april2008 wiki is now online at <http://april2008.squat.net/wiki/> and should be used by the different working groups to post work-in-progress documents and notes that need to be easily edited by others.

It should also allow anyone involved in the initiative to post locally produced flyers, posters, materials... whatever needs to be

shared with fellow april2008 comrades and gathered in some place, before being put on the main website.

The April Days of De-Centralised Action in Defence of Free Spaces are on 11 and 12 April. There is no official line for what kind of action to take, so do what you want wherever you are or join in the initiatives of other cities if nothing is possible in your home-town. April2008 will be a mix of both surprise "not-announced actions and public announced-beforehand events.



Common targets were obviously those involved in speculation/gentrification and private property management and some ideas for actions were: squatting something crazy and huge right in the town center, organizing a mass action to occupy a building with the location announced in advance (as during the Copenhagen G13), targeting real estate agencies, blocking or removing their offices, locking bailiffs inside their doors, squatting politician's houses, organizing Reclaim The Streets parties against gentrification, creating fake newspapers about autonomous spaces and housing politics to distribute massively in bus/suburbs stations and around town, squatting land in the countryside, finding strength and people to open and keep squats in places where it never happened or where it became really difficult, to organize tourist visits of the cities showing all the houses evicted and the evil of contemporary

urbanism, organizing solidarity actions (on consulates or targeted country companies...) for squats threatened of eviction in other countries, proposing open doors and open activities in an autonomous space, bringing the activities of an autonomous space outside in town (workshops, free-zone, hacklab, infoshop, gigs), choosing a common enemy in various towns (as it was done by French squatters in 2005, with 17 decentralised actions on Socialist Party's city councils and headquarters), following the Dutch example of a white book of squatting, with stories of squats in every cities, electing the

"bad landlord of the week", occupying shops and supermarkets, disturbing official political debates and organizing your own discussion about the need for autonomous spaces, etc., etc.

The meeting in Dijon was inspiring and energizing. Certainly, the people who travelled from Berlin - which faces a tough year as some of its long-established autonomous spaces such as Rigaer94, Liebig34 and Liebig14, Schwarzer Kanal and the Kopi face imminent eviction - returned with a lot of

strength. During the meeting in Dijon, it was often said that these encounters should be seen as a starting point for further meetings in order to have the possibility for a collective account and evaluation of april2008; to have more time for strategical debates; and to think about new possible offensives and solidarity actions. The next meeting will be held in or around Berlin on 24-26 May 2008. A few days after this, there are days of action in Berlin around the theme of autonomous spaces. More information about this meeting and the action days will be made available at a later date. We will also set up a mailing list so that people planning to come can submit ideas for discussion and relevant discussion documents some time before the meeting. It was also proposed that there would be a third meeting in October 2008 in Barcelona. This proposal will be made at the Asamblea de Okupas Barcelona (city-wide squatters' assembly). Encounters might be followed by days of action or not, depending on the local context, the organizers choice, and the experience of the Berlin gathering.

TOWARDS A WARM 2008

- THE FIGHT FOR AUTONOMOUS SPACE IN BERLIN ENTERS THE NEXT ROUND.

It has been a long, busy time here in Berlin concerning the struggle around autonomous, self-organised spaces. As many people are aware of, this city used to be - now ages ago - one of the bastions of the squatters movement: first in west Berlin, afterwards through the fall of the Berlin wall which opened new territories in the abandoned Eastern part, hundreds of empty buildings have been made "lived" by a wide range of people: artists, ex-eastern Berlin inhabitants, autonomen, anarchists, musicians and more.

To answer this "illegal" and abnormal situation the city applied the infamous Berlin law: each squat must be evicted within 24 hours. That was how the squatting movement had already been defeated in west Berlin in the beginning of the 80s. And as one would know already, German authorities are well specialized in terms of enforcing the law. Many houses chose to get legalized, other to resist, but following the famous battle of the Mainzerstrasse (12 squatted houses in one street, Friedrichshain district) where hundreds resisted a siege of thousands of cops for three days, delivering to history the images of the most militant and decided defenses of a squat. It was made clear that with our limited equipment (Molotov cocktails, stones, barricades and catapults) we are not able to stop an army of cops.

Nothing new: until now, there has been no case of a libertarian struggle winning its battle on the level of militarizing itself (ok, we talk here of 1968 onwards).

This is an important lesson coming from the 70's, and of course it proved itself once again within this situation. In one way or the other, the last squat has been evicted in 1997, signing the end of an era. Afterwards, there were unpteenth attempts to squat again which has been faced with the brutal reaction of the infamous Berlin riot units. At the same time, the fact that a couple of houses obtained contracts did not prevent trouble for them: might be that the contracts would run out, or that some new landlord would buy the house, many houseprojects (legalised squats) or trailerparks have been facing eviction and repression despite their "legal" status.

Back then those contracts had been a way to pacify a struggle which due to wide support, even among the population, got out of control. The old law of "divide and conquer" had been applied, the State divided squatters between "ready to negotiate" and "not ready", the one would get contracts, the other eviction, and in general a climate of non-solidarity had been created.

Of course, the no-tolerance politics of Berlin's authorities, applied constantly through the years, managed to logorate the ones who were fighting: one knows the problem of getting tired of being kicked out from his/her temporary house well too often...

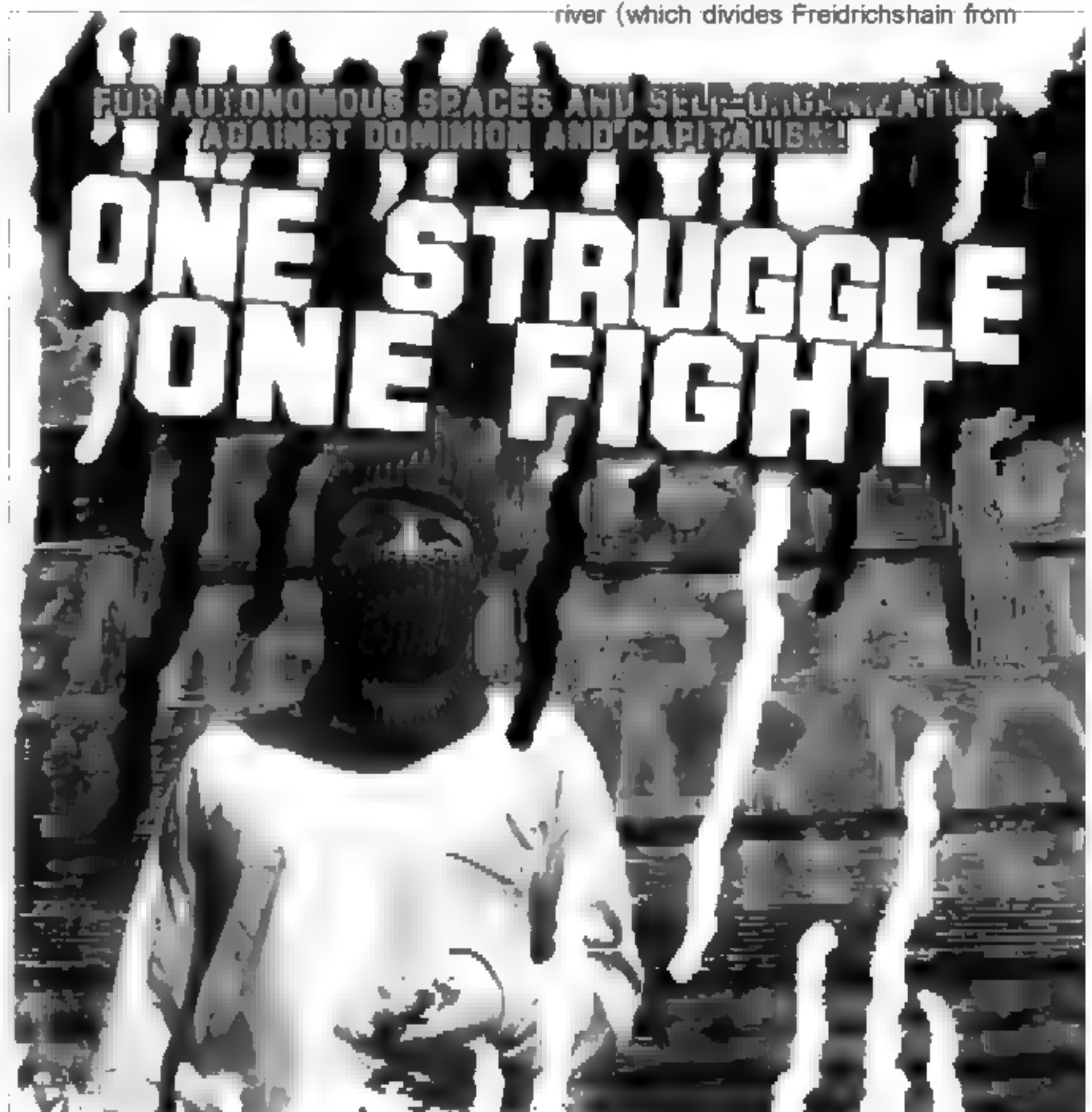
With the end of the squatting emergency, it was clear that city's authorities and its servants would look up for new ones to repress. The fact that this city still host several dozens of autonomous self-organised spaces, is clashing with the rising interests of foreign investors who are being attracted by an housing market which represents the cheapest one regarding western European capitals. Some districts of the former eastern Berlin, Mitte and Prenzlauerberg, have been



the first ones to go: the first destined to represent the new "center" of the town, the latter shaped by a slightly more bohemian - yuppie character.

Still, in these districts there are still several dozens of former squats and similar who fight for their existence.

The district with the highest concentration of autonomous spaces remains the district of Friedrichshain - Kreuzberg. And these are the districts where at the moment the battle for defending autonomous spaces is arising - in quality and in quantity. Constantly confronted with the well-know gentrification monster, its inhabitants are facing a rising yuppification of their neighbourhood by the moving in of fashion boutiques, posh-alternative bars, commercial artists looking for an exotic ambient to "express" themselves, and giant projects such as the Media Spree, which is reshaping the area around the Spree river (which divides Freidrichshain from



Kreuzberg, and where the Wall used to be) by the construction of bureaus of foreign enterprises such as Universal, and where an Arena (for concerts and other mass events) is going to be open in November 2008, in order to bring thousands of consumers to those districts. In the meanwhile, its surroundings are seeing their old fashioned working class houses been renovated into posh lofts or luxurious apartments. And it is in these surroundings that many autonomous spaces are still fighting for their existence and where a mounting unsatisfaction warms up the cold winter nights.

2007: the sleeping tiger wakes up.

As mentioned before, the fact that one would have a contract would not guarantee its permanent stay: during the years many houseprojects or trailerparks disappeared, despite their former legal status. Rigaer94/Kadterschmiede, an half legalized squat with an half squatted part (an open bar and workshop as well) faced several eviction since 2002, the last houseproject to be evicted has been the Yorckstr.59, in 2005. Both houses have been violently evicted by the SEK: ■ paramilitary police-commando used against squatters, which would brand their machine guns or baseball bats while posing on the roof in balaclavas.

Both houses still fight for their existence, R94 being able to re-squat some parts through the years (facing probably an eviction again this year) and the one from Yorckstr.59 managing to squat another building after their eviction, called New Yorck.

In 2007 something happened which woke up the sleeping tiger: the social center Ungdomhuset in Copenhagen was evicted. About this, enough has been written already. I will just mention one thing: the radicality of their struggle on the street, and their campaign which managed to gain ■ truly international audience contributed to pump again energy within the housingprojects and their supporters, and provided to get people out of their endless lethargy. The fact that in Copenhagen people lost an house but won ■ radical movement through their uncompromised struggle has not been underlined enough.

Many German supporters traveled during the months to Denmark to support the comrades there, and following the eviction solidarity actions took place in more than 30 German towns. A thing which never happened when some "German" autonomous space got evicted during the last years. In Berlin, people took the streets for a spontaneous demonstration on the day of the eviction, 400 hundred people walked in Kreuzberg, and during the night some burning barricades showed the rage

of the people regarding the eviction.

Week long actions followed, culminating with a 2000 strong demonstration which walked the districts of Mitte and

Prenzlauerberg, where at the end a large mob made its way around damaging cop cars, yuppie bars and banks.

The sleeping tiger woke up roaring.

Few days later took place the long weekend of the Rigaerstrasse, a street in the districts of Friedrichshain which alone host 6 houseprojects and one trailerpark.

Hundreds gathered to exchange informations, participating in workshops, having a demonstration against eviction and gentrification, making parties.

The first night, several burning barricades have been erected in the surroundings and posh cars have been smashed.

Worth to mention as well a militant action against a well known estate agency which got trashed the night before the long weekend. Media drastically reported about one of the "worst riots of the last years", although everything has been relatively light. However, following that weekend a bank took back the credit it had been financed to some speculator who wanted to buy one of the housingprojects on the street. Like always, direct action speaks louder than words...

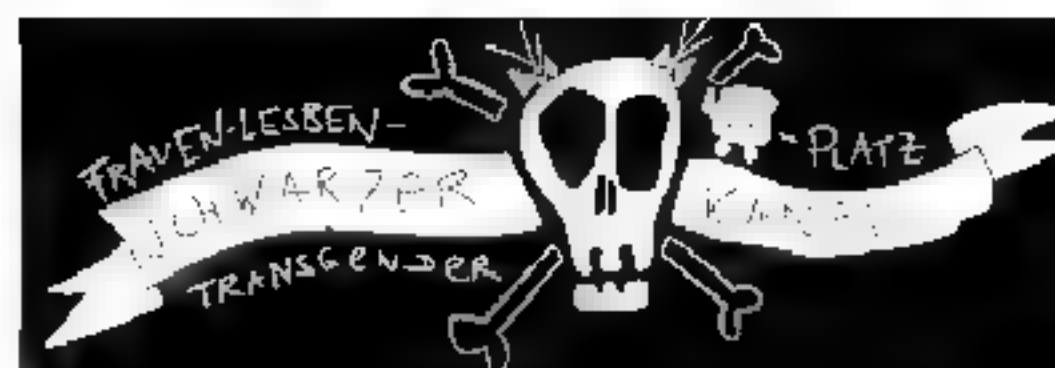
Meanwhile, state authorities understood that a general climate of unsatisfaction arouse, and the day after an army of riot cops occupied the district to prevent further confrontation and ruin the good climate there.

Plainclothes pigs of the political branch would almost never leave the street again until the end of the G8.

(you can take a look at some of them here -

www.sonderseinheit.fataback.com).

Following those days, many discussion



arouse and many attempts to connect better among the houses. Another coordination between the district of Mitte and Prenzlauerberg bom, which organised as well a long night (although no actions took place) to show how autonomous spaces are still present and living, despite the changes of their areas.

Since the beginning of the year resistance against gentrification grew constantly, also on a militant level: many, many posh cars became a target, and have being torched by anonymous enemies of this process, and dozens of estate agencies got attacked.

In late May, one of Berlin's autonomous/anarchist bastions, the famous ruin Kopi, has been sold to some speculator. Despite ■ demonstration of more than 2000 people, and a 400 strong rally under the rain during the auction, people did not managed to enforce the tactic which worked for many years, say scaring potential investors (there have been several auction attempts against the Kopi before, all resulted with an hole in the water), and the Kopi got sold.

The fact that demonstrations took place afterwards (its peak: a demo on the 16 of June with almost 4000 people), some banks got smashed and few barricades erected, did not contributed to change the situation.

Following the G8 (and its many militant actions), and coming back to the daily normality, several people thought that the theme of the defence of our spaces had to become central in the future. At the moment, there are several projects endangered: Rigaer94, Liebig14, Liebig34 (women-lesbian-transgender house), Rigaer78, Kopi, Linienhofe, Brunnenstr.183, NewYorck (ex Yorckstr.59) and SchwarzerKanal (queer trailerpark). Rigaer84 burned down shortly before the G8, and its tenants will be probably unable to come back inside.

All these projects are very different, have very different political ideas or focus, some normally do not work together. And this could





be said for all the autonomous spaces in Berlin (as internationally): however, despite the differences, one recognizes the dramacity of the actual stand and therefore rather choose to cooperate on a common base in order to save our spaces. Some understand such a struggle as a mere one of saving their "living rooms", some other try instead to push things forwards and thematize the daily, noiseless, evictions of poor people or refugees, and make clear that this is a social problem and can be resolved only through a radicalization of the struggle towards the overcoming of capitalist relationships.

As one would imagine, such cooperation is not always roses and flowers, but there is a common understanding of respecting different tactics and as long as such a solidarity is there, it is half of the work. Some would make a rally in front of the owner of their house, some other would visit him or her at home throwing firecrackers, some other would rather try to link with some other social initiative against gentrification, some other would attack estate agency, companies involved within the Media Spree project or simply look for interesting cars. Police even sent a letter to the companies involved within the Media Spree project in order to warn them about the fact that "they are a target for violent autonomen". Indeed.

The struggle around autonomous spaces must be seen within the context of a new arise of radical, militant struggle in Germany, which worries local authorities.

Almost 120 cars burned only in Berlin (posh

ones or of companies involved within the nuclear business), dozens of attacks connected to the G8, big demonstrations seeing huge black bloc of several thousands ones, showed up an unwillingness to accept the social standards.

Therefore many trials for terrorist organization have been opened, some people spent time in jail, some other are still in, and new laws towards an even wider social control have been pushed through. Even still, the tiger still roars.

The so-called "warm winter" begins...

As an opening up for a so-called "warm winter" there has been a confrontational demonstration on the 8th of December, in the city of Berlin. Already in the call, it

has been propagated a will to act decentralised and surprise the well organised robocop units. One wanted to show finally that if they are able to encircle a demonstration, control participants beforehand, filming and close every street, we have still the gift of being uncontrollable and creative. We just have to want this. And many wanted this, on that night.

A demonstration left the square of Rosenthalerplatz, district of Mitte, "in order to disturb the winter lethargy of investors, yuppies and city authorities and to reclaim our will to fight for autonomous spaces" (taken from the call out).

A 1500 strong block walked its way



through a well posh neighbourhood, the front banner reading "For autonomous, self-organised spaces – against capitalism and dominion". A clear message.

The pigs encircled them from the beginning, in order to discourage any attempt to take action. Despite this, having reached half of its march, many fireworks got exploded against the cops, and eggs full of paints thrown against shops or the pigs.

The demonstration was then called off, in order to respond to police harassment and create chaos and therefore small groups spread in the area. Posh stores got smashed, barricades erected and set ablaze. Meanwhile the people who stood trapped within the police kettle were abused and brutalized.

After a while small groups made their way to other districts. The results have been 10 posh cars torched down, a McDonalds, some banks and chainstores smashed, cops got attacked, some squatting actions and few spontaneous demonstrations walked around during the night.

Cops arrested about 50 people in order to present something to the press. The media talked largely about that night, how pigs did not have things under control, and in general about the growing readiness to violence of the autonomous scene.

On that day, one saw that the wind keeps on blowing in the right direction, and that many people are radicalizing and willing to fight for our spaces and to overcome cop tactics as well.

This has to be outspoken: by the call to the demonstration it has been made clear firstly that one would not merely accept the usual police provocations, and that people should be autonomously thinking about organising their own action.

Indeed many angry individuals or groups made this call theirs and actions happened within the following districts: Mitte, Kreuzberg, Friedrichshain, Prenzlauerberg, Lichtenberg, Moabit, Neukölln and Pankow.

One can read a list of actions on the autonomous biweekly Berlin's newspaper Interim (publishing since 1987...)

The monthly autonomous/anarchist gathering regrouped recently 150 people to discuss about freespaces and look how to go forward. A campaign has been proposed, the European action days in April are on the agenda, as the ones in defence of Kopi by the end of May, and many houses work right now on (anti)eviction plans.

Like always when things get rough, police and state repression are on the alert, and political police is especially trying to watch around, trying to intimidate people. A reward of 3000 euros has been even put up to try to end the "car-phenomenon", since around 120 cars got torched this year in Berlin, which has been linked by cops also to the resistance against eviction and gentrification.

Moreover, there is quite some people who did not renounce the idea that our struggle towards autonomous spaces has to be put in the context of a struggle against capitalism and its (un)social relationships, and therefore fruitful discussions around this are as well taking place.

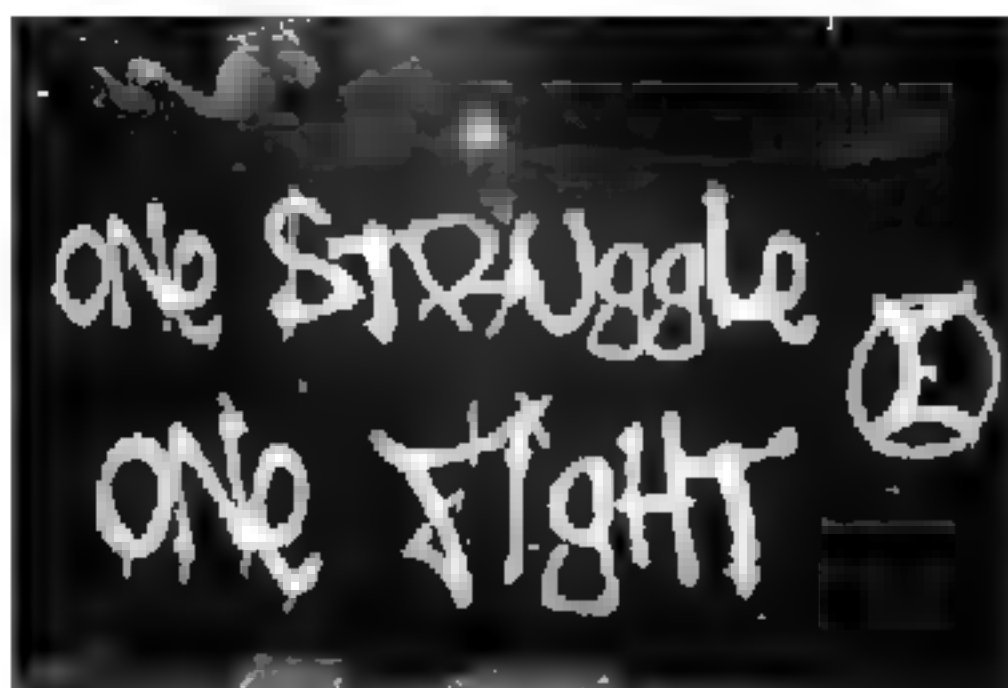
As many readers would already be aware of, in each country there are always different factions within the housing-movement, from the artists, passing through the hippies, to the more militant and not forgetting about the punks.

It is always a small portion of this wide, chaotic movement that tries to challenge the idea that our spaces are there only as a mere "house", "place for concert and parties" or "create art".

One has to support the diffusion of radical ideas (and actions) towards the overcoming of post-industrial capitalism, rather than swim in the ill defined magma of the "squatters (or whatever) movement".

The struggle in defence of autonomous spaces and towards new ones has to be understood as an intermediate struggle through which one can radicalize his/her position regarding the existent, and strictly avoiding reaching a "satisfied" (and therefore pacified) situation where one feels safe

because a house or a trailerpark has been saved from eviction. Which does not mean we shouldn't open a bottle of champagne in such a case: we need



such a small victory to go forward. Clearly, this is not a minor fight, since we need spaces in order to meet, conspire together, act, relax, fall in love, eat good food and take a small break from the "outside" (but we have to fight the idea of the ones who see autonomous spaces as a complete outside: there is not outside in fucking capitalism!).

One can see how in cities with a lack of social spaces there is also a lack of "movement", and this is not happening by chance.

However, we must always have a critical eye on all this as soon as the well-known process of

"feeling comfortable" is appearing. Many times one would think to have finally spread awareness on this topic, during an eviction campaign or in other contexts of the struggle, only to watch how the problem one thought to have kicked out of the door is crawling again through the window. And it's exactly this crawling which we have to fight against, bearing in mind that a certain tension generated by the uncertainty of one's living situation can produce a moment of "endless insecurity", which

translates into "endless resistance".

Of course, this can as well generate a nervous breakdown in other cases, depends how one chooses to handle with all this - there is no guarantee here offered.

Social, autonomous spaces are a necessary struggle nowadays as yesterday, is becoming more and more an argument in all Europe among anarchists, autonomous people and others.

Neither we do have to undervalue how this opened up again a never closed terrain of struggle, nor we must find ourselves entrapped only within this: social control, prisons, anti-refugee racist laws, social misery are only few of the other themes which we are not to let fall under the table while we fight for "our" spaces.

Our fight against the system should be total, and not being single issue limited. In recognizing the necessity of widening such a circumscribed attack lays the challenge for Berlin's (as everywhere else) housingprojects, trailerparks and its inhabitants.

Keep an eye on Berlin in 2008, spare yourself some holidays and take your time to travel for one of upcoming evictions: it might be fun, it depends on you all as well...

A partial list of Berlin's autonomous houseprojects and trailerparks:

www.rgae94.squat.net (under eviction threat)
<http://koep137.net> (under eviction threat)
www.squat.net/liebig34 (to be sold and probably evict)
www.schwarzerkanal.squat.net (under eviction threat)
www.squat.net/r84 (sadly burned down!)
www.yorck59.net (ex yorckstr. 59)
www.stressfaktor.squat.net (for checking berlin subcultural and political dates!)



Anti-G8 2007: Report

Disclaimer:

This piece, while approaching many topics which might be of interest for any reflections by anarchists, autonomous people and other social rebels, is still very oriented towards the German context. Therefore, you reader, will find a few things which might sound awkward to you, if not being aware on the German situation, but I still hope that this will not necessarily create a divide, intolerance or simply make you bored.

“Between the joy and the frustration of being trapped within a known play of theatre: a few notes following the G8 summit in Germany and its repercussions”.

Berlin, 2007, last stop of the “anarchist traveling circus” (sorry Tony Blair for not respecting your copyright!)*: Once again many of us, whether strongly convinced or not, got involved for the umpteenth time within the spectacle of a counter summit.

This time was Germany, G8, last time perhaps Gleneagles 2005 or Thessaloniki 2003, Prague 2000 or Amsterdam 1997 for the older of us. Next time Japan? Yet unclear, still waiting to know whether the Korean workers will join in, introducing us to the magic way of fighting armed with 5m long sticks... It is always the same plot: Since a few years there has been a mounting, serious critique on whether we should take part as anarchists within those kind of mobilizations or rather ignore them, or opt for decentralized actions.

Already before Genoa 2001, a few comrades from Rovereto (among others) suggested how even us, as anarchists, have been long enough victims of the “illusion of a center”: that we should instead to underline the necessity of a



widespread of insurrection and critique at a daily, decentralized level of our uncompromisingly struggle, rather than focus us on these bigger, empty events where we merely take part in a spectacle put up from our enemies and their false critics. The counter summit circus as path leading nowhere but to the reproduction of already seen schemes, lacking mostly of imagination and therefore mostly easy to be taken under control both from agents of repression as by any kind of recuperators.

We know this very well. We already developed a certain experience through the years, being almost 10 years since these counter summit mobilizations became one of the main points on the agenda of many people, radicals, anarchists, autonomous and leftists...

We have collected on our shoulders a decent amount of experiences, ranging from nice stories of streetfighting with cops and amazing looting and plundering, passing through never ending meetings fighting each other (and reformists above all), to the traumas and paranoias we tried to overcome after being in these extreme moments made of joy and fear, the endless, frustrating post-riot debates on the diehard dichotomy violence/nonviolence, until the usual question which affects us all: was it all worth it?

Different feelings come always at play afterwards: ...the tiredness of confronting with the aforementioned debate about violence, which destabilises our (already instable) mental sanity, us knowing how senseless it is to waste time on that because everybody should have already a clear enough idea how capitalism won't simply disappear by itself (and fuck no, a clown army or a climate camp won't help). Clearly it is not yet a crystalline, common-shared truth, otherwise we would have an insurrection ongoing, a point to which we are fairly faraway nowadays (sorry for my cynicism).

**Tony Blair used this term in Gothenburg 2001, after a number of anarchists were shot.*



Personal accounts of the G8/1

"The black bloc is a ritual. A spectacle like any other, but it is the spectacle I choose, because to me it manifests the social war. The demonstration arrives at the harbour in Rostock, and in the distance the lines of riot cops amass. We look at each other. We have never even had a conversation. This is the moment. This is the ritual. A ritual of joy. A riot of complicity. There is no fear, there is just us and them. Your eyes, and mine. Our breathless excitement. We are picking up stones and throwing them at the assembled army. Running towards and away. There is calculation. We are in our element. This is what I live for. These moments of rupture. I do not call them moments of excess because that implies that we should not be living at this pitch all the time. It is not a moment of excess because such action and such experience is not 'too much': rather it is the lack of this moment in our daily lives that is 'not enough'. We lose each other for seconds and then find each other, aware of the danger but not scared. Only ecstatic. There is the joy of their retreat. There is the joy of sudden affinity, and of complicity. We hold together, without ever having spoken one word to each other. And there is only our eyes, and our fists hurling rocks against the enemy.

At the camp, after the clarity of the fight, my head is besieged by the abstract. Drowned by the illusion of strategic choice. I would not choose to be where there are a million cops. Everyone wants to do something, which means anything, since we are here. I wonder why I come to these events. And I decide that in future I will come to these events responsibly. I do not want to be simply a tourist. Or a critic. Then I have to work out what it is I get from coming to them. And what risks I

...The nastiness at which, within those situations more than ever, bourgeois medias (and often so-called "alternative" as well...) enter the arena giving the best of themselves: in Genoa they pretended we would throw bombs full of HIV-infected blood to the pigs, here in Germany they accused the Clown Army of using syringes full with acid liquid again against the pigs (!). At least, one cannot accuse them of not being creative, and they would offer us always a good laugh, before we realize again for the nth time in which fucked up bad b-movie we do live in.

...The disappointment, how many plans did not work out, how much more could have been possible, how many of "us" still look for having a chat with medias, for seeking an alliance with reformist groups, for taking a definitive break with everything, having being too much involved in the preparation of the counter events and consequently mentally burned out.

...The exhausting struggle against the repression which follows, producing discouragement, sucking our energies away, intimidating some of us, bringing - in a few cases - heavy consequences for those who get caught in the State's web.

And yet, we found ourselves once again involved, taking again a trip to the counter summit maybe as an excuse for meeting old friends and making new ones, visiting an unknown city, country, taking a break from our daily life towards the possibility of a new, liberating adventure, rupture, taking vital energy to be brought back in our daily fight against State and Capital, collecting new experiences, being inspired from new possibilities of radical action against reality, finding already-tested affinities and discovering new ones, being together on the street with thousands of people ready to fight, equipped with stones, Molotov cocktails and a strong will not to merely "dissent", but towards an uncompromisable assault to the sky, towards something radically new.

And therefore empowering ourselves through all these feelings, emotions, living the momentum where you finally feel strong again and every possibility might be open, only if those moments would happen more often...but this is how things work: we light some fires here and there which burn their flames fast, but always hoping that this very time that fire will

keep on burning high and that other rebels will put more wood into it...

Following the sum of these reasons, some of us visited again a new territory, some of us were already there. All sharing the same critiques, all looking forward to live again that momentum.

Two achieved goals are worth underlining at first: the rise of the mass militancy and radical critique during those days - as many German comrades felt the need to bring this forward - and the amazing number of militant actions that happened within the "militant campaign against G8". I will begin from this last one. Probably not many people outside Germany are aware about this "militant campaign". Militant not in the sense of "self-sacrificing" of course, but in terms of radical attacks against capitalist infrastructures. Such attacks involved arsons, property damage, paint bombs, graffiti.

This campaign was launched back in 2005, as some clandestine German groups publicized their need of a long-term attack not merely against G8, but against capitalist symbols as much as against people involved within this exploitation machinery. They talked about the need of widespreading this attack in terms of time and space, rather than confining it within the usual, expected and

am not willing to take. It is confusing. I use the word 'ritual' perhaps a little unfairly. Perhaps it is possible to re-frame our participation in events that unfold in a similar way not as ritual, but as training. It is only through playing out the ritual that we work out who we have affinity with, what works and doesn't work in particular situations, how we react in certain circumstances, building shared experience and an understanding of the people we meet.

We form an affinity group with people, some of whom we have just met but whom we have met under the best circumstances and there is an immediate sense of trust. We go on a kamikaze action, creeping through the woods all night tracked by heat-sensing helicopters and eventually chased and caught by German Special Forces. Was it worth it? In some ways, yes, to enable us to see how we work together, to strengthen bonds, to deepen our affinity. The point of these events is just that. We are unlikely to find affinity only through geography and sometimes we do not find it at all there.

That is, we are limited by geography and our community of affinity is spread cross worlds. Analysing the ritual enables us to talk about much more than that point in time. Much like capoeira was developed by slaves as a way of developing fighting

already-given boundaries of the summit/ counter summit moment. Therefore the idea of 2 years of actions which would contribute to the radicalization of the protests, of daily social relationships and political discourse, and extend the idea that G8 is a mere, empty symbol, just another expression of the dominative-relations we are all trapped in. Our struggle must be continuous, capable of thematizing all the different aspects, living within the totality of capitalism, we must be capable of fighting totally and uncompromisingly against the present conditions.

That was the stone thrown up in the water, to see if the water moves.

And it moved. Definitely. Within those last 2 years we saw a definitive arise of militant actions, which kept on growing more and more as the summit days would come closer. More than thirty (mostly arsons) just in the month of May 2007.

Targets ranged from usual big chains such as McDonald's or Lidl (a big German supermarket chain characterized by extremely precarious working conditions), to private houses and

skills under the scrutiny of their masters by disguising it as a game, perhaps that is how we approach the spectacle of the summit. With foresight, honesty, humour and responsibility."



cars of State secretaries or bosses of big exploitative companies, police vans and stations, companies involved within nuclear transports such as Vattenfall (energy company), Siemens or Deutsche Bahn (German railways), passing through expensive cars (mostly of the aforementioned companies or luxurious ones). Since January, in the town of Berlin alone, more than 100 of those cars got torched. And the list of these attacks, as of others, is keeping on growing while I write this piece.

The vast choice of targets shows therefore the understanding of the necessity of a global attack, by any means necessary. I shall include at the end an almost complete list of actions, giving you the pleasure of discovering what exactly was (and is) going on... The necessity of a global attack rather than being focused within the given amount of time Dominion wants to confine us, as said, and as well a fight which is continuous. Indeed, the solidity of this campaign is another good point. Many actions, of quality, looking at the chosen targets, and, most important, these did not stop as the summit finished.

Afterwards, cars kept on burning regularly, and other interesting things

which targeted among other things cars which were property of the army or of the federal criminal office, as much as an attempted arson against a justice building.

That was the true bet, if this high level achieved before and until the summit could have been kept also afterwards, showing how this fire would not weaken but rather keep on burning, towards a future, massive increasing...

And reading the newspapers here or the polizeiticker (the official website of German cops where they publish the "crimes" happening), it seems this fire keeps on burning. I reckon this is a quite empowering and new experience, seeing how many different groups and individuals, many of them probably for the first time, took the decision of fighting on this level.

It was already proposed in Genoa 2001, to escalate from the summit days and acting in advance. Back then, very few people made this call theirs. This time, it seems many people showed sympathy to this argument, and paved up the way for future development within this context.

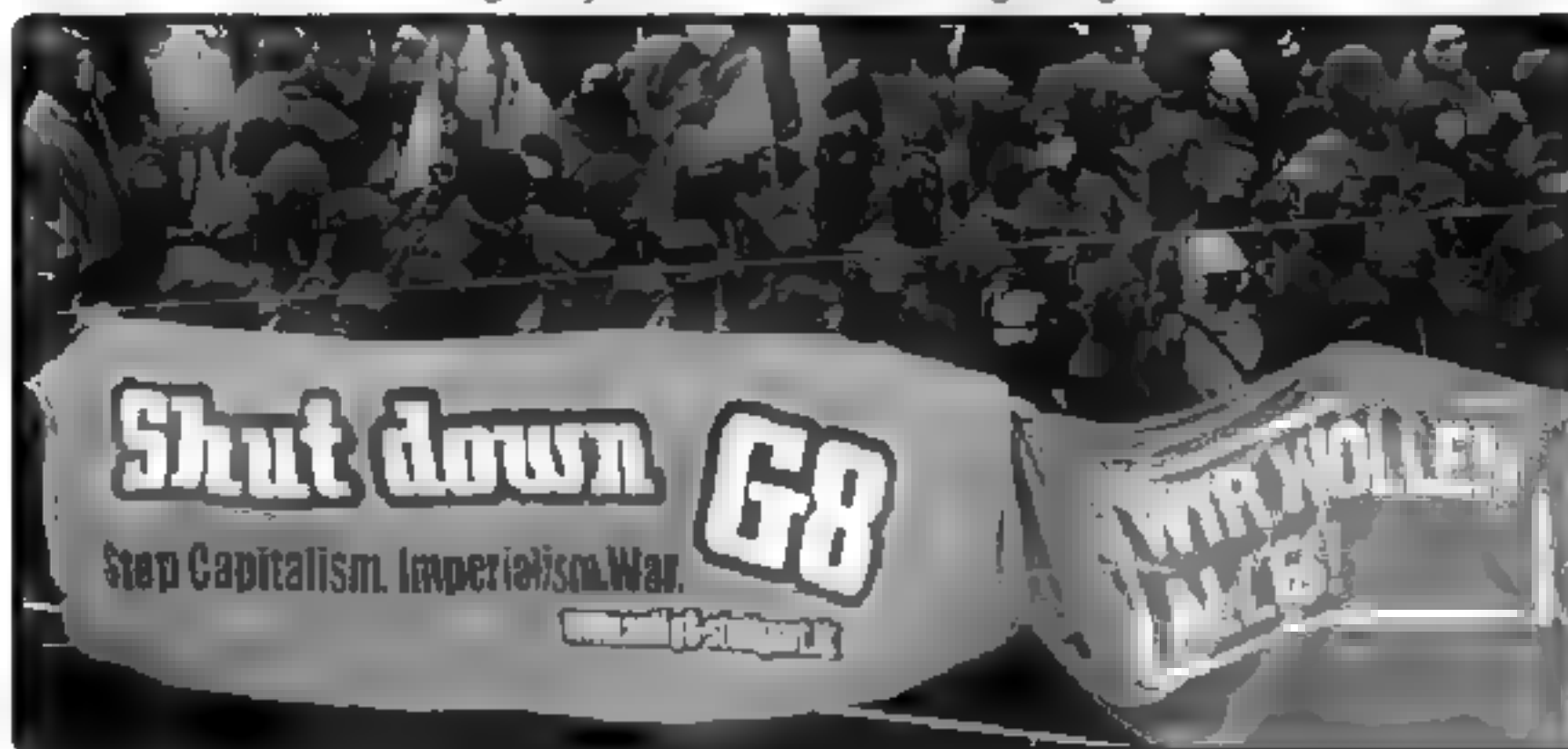
At the same time, the militance on the street was also experienced. Highlight of this was the famous demo in Rostock, on the 2nd of June, where a massive black bloc of at least 5000 people brought their rage on the streets. Confrontations happen from time to time, here in Germany. But, considering the incredible level of repression and well-known ability of German pigs, this takes place mostly after the demos. This time, the first in years, a large bloc walked its way with balaclavas, took direct actions against capitalist symbols, and attacked the police.

Many cops got injured, and for many young

people it was especially amazing to be part in such a riot because they saw something which here became very rare: ready-for-war-equipped robocops, and especially the infamous Berlin units, running away. Attacking pigs is possible, is funny as fuck, and gives you a well-worth kick of

adrenaline so that you will like to repeat as soon as you can.

The riot in itself was not the main point (although nice as always) but the fact that through this people rediscover the feeling that certain things are possible, even nowadays with probably the best organised police in Europe which is



kept on happening, such as militant anti-fascist resistance or one racist office for the identification of illegal refugees set on fire. And not to forget the solidarity towards the newly imprisoned comrades (more on that you can read on the communiqué issued by ABC Berlin, prisoners have been recently released on caution),



(Personal accounts of the G8/2)

... "It has kicked off down by the harbour. The pigs have retreated for a moment which gives us an opportunity to catch our own breath and regroup, to collect some more stones and prepare for our next move. I look around me, dust and chaos dances amongst the other groups, black clad with masks, huddled, nervous, excited and confident like us.

Cobblestones and broken bottles lay strewn on the ground and on the streets around us. There are 2 cars flipped on their sides, turned into barricades, windows smashed out. The ever constant noise of helicopters resounds above us, mixed with the surreal music coming from the stage speakers by the waterfront. As we look towards the city, we can see the hundreds of riot cops moving towards us down a street. We are thousands.

traveling through Europe to give "workshop and training" to the not yet that well organized units (as for example in Spain or in Greece during the last year).

Many of us, both younger and older, felt again motivated and willing to seek possibilities to repeat that, and even some researches done by some German universities showed how the percentage of "normal" youngsters who feel positively about the black bloc rose following those riots....

However, during all the other days, different demos took place, road blockades, arsons, and the try to leave to camps and move towards plan B, say go to a city and bring there our rage.

And here we come perhaps to the weakest point of those days.

The idea of Plan B had been circulating through autonomous journals and communiqués during the months preceding the summit. Becoming incalculable for our enemies, and move towards another battleground which was neither Rostock nor the fields. A similar idea to the one of the militant campaign, then. Sadly, it did not work as good as this first one. The plan to host rupture in Berlin, chosen as target, faced several problems.

At the most, a lack of coordination among the several autonomous/anarchist groups which converged to the three different camps. The high level of security culture possessed by the local comrades proved to be too rigid if we want to act together with people coming from other countries and organise something together. Sometimes we must sacrifice ■ bit of security culture (but only ■ bit) in order to make place for the spontaneity we must enjoy during this situations of rupture, where a certain situation of "state of exception" is being

created, and we cannot pretend to play with the same rules which always accompany us during other, usual moments.

This, added to the fact that the communication on this level, being divided through different camps, was fairly uneasy, created a lack of determination, coordination and therefore effectivity in adopting this tactic.

The Reclaim The Streets, hosted in one of Berlin's posh districts, failed in causing the problems people were aiming to. Several hundred people moved around, but mostly encircled by cops, and the few occasions presented to the crowd have been not exploited rightly. Of course, this was not the usual idea for ■ summit, and it was the first time many of us were coming together, with all the problems this involves. Many reformists or self-proclaimed politicians of the movements rode the tiger and declared that the blockades at the fields have been ■ huge success in comparison to this failure. Fair enough, plan ■ was not that successful, but at the same time it's nice that several thousand people refused to follow the dictatorships of their leaders up in the fields (leaders that did not want "their" militants joining the blockades after the Rostock riot) and walked towards the fence, maybe ■ first step, for some of them, towards more radical thoughts and actions for the future. But then again it is a completely different story to try to coordinate among several hundred people and more, autonomously and within a few days, for direct actions rather than for eating some ready-made recipe, as the concept of blockades was.

Decentralization requires a massive level of responsibility, self-trust and experience which not always ■ working at its best and needs to be oiled more. And I reckon it is exactly on this "oiling process" that we have to work more in the next future.

It was a worth try, at least for learning from the many mistakes done and discuss critically towards future, common developments. Which is something that is very much happening right now here. Not to be forgotten though ■ the fact that anyway some flames arose that very night: 12 expensive cars burned down, a burning barricade close to the Federal Criminal Office and two banks and one job center got trashed from autonomous nightworkers. So all ■ all autonomous groups found their way among the chaotic situation and managed to get their targets done, showing again the importance and necessity of such ■ way of organizing.

Moreover, another achieved goal has been in my view the birth of a deeper discussion within the anarchist/autonomous movement. The creation of bigger autonomous/anarchist gatherings which aim to coordinate us way better again in order to re-establish a few things such as that streetfighting credibility which characterized the Autonomen during the 80's making them a threat for the city, in certain situation and particular moments, plenaries to host discussions about strategies and tactics, as well as on perspectives.

Autonomous plenaries, as well as a huge number of discussions and self-critical papers, followed those days, developing a common debate on many of the aforementioned topics. People began again to discuss things within autonomous media such as the Interim, a bi-weekly autonomous paper from Berlin which is going on since more than 20 years, where a choral debate

It is in these moments, in the midst of creating these temporary autonomous zones, where things become very clear. We know exactly who our enemies are and it is all so far from abstract. We know in an instant with whom we hold affinity, when we look a comrade in the eyes, someone who we may have no preexisting experience with, and know exactly what to do with hardly any words spoken. We know where our rage comes from and we harness it, standing our ground on the battlefield.

The pigs continue to move towards us, surprised at the amount of resistance they are up against. A car explodes into flame, sending black smoke into the space between us and them. A shower of cobblestones rains down relentlessly on the advancing pigs, and once again they retreat back towards the city.

I look to my left and a watercannon rolls towards us. The riot rages on..."



about Militance (again, intended as radical questioning and consequent attack against the present society, willing to not bow us to the "legal" means offered by the State and recuperators), which was already going on since 2001 and following years and is flourishing day by day: a discussion among clandestine groups, individuals, affinity group, "legal" groups and so on, which is guaranteed by the anonymity of the discussion papers and the fact that Interim is an underground publication.

Well, I see these discussions as a very big goal, especially under today's situation, where in western countries one would find pretty rarely any trace of a common debate about those arguments, discussions kept on a regular basis, always critical but respectful of the dissonances, which in general give one the feeling not to be a lonely, isolated individual (or a small affinity group) who is breaking his or her head against the wall but is looking for new acquaintances and accomplices in the greyness of today's reality.

A critical debate is always necessary for the health and the radicalism of any anarchist or autonomous movement (or however you may call all this circus...), helps in developing new perspectives, in restoring your consumed toolbox, but also in keeping the things which are worth to keep.

As for example rediscovering a general, continuous need for such a critical confrontation among us, towards the destruction of the actual capitalist relationships.

Too often we all undervalue the importance of holding a common, critical debate about many things (G8, strategy and tactics or resistance being a minor portion of the many), also because among us we often do not speak the same language: not in terms of English or German, but in the sense that the words with which we express ourselves do not carry any more a common, recognized value, which is victim of the general impoverishment created by post-industrial capitalism (and its running-train driven by postmodernist wankers...) and each time we meet we must agree again on the meaning we give to certain words.

Moreover, the usual conflicts we do have among us, and especially in certain regions of Europe, do not allow some of us anymore even to give a try to discuss again. Under these conditions, the difference of "language" became sometimes an unsurmountable barrier.

Considering all this, I feel still glad that this occasion called G8 brought up some refreshing wind in the sail of the local autonomous/anarchist pirate boats, in the many forms i have tried to described (partially) above. Things are still going pretty rough here, and the situation might present some interesting developments within the close future.



By now (December 07) the autonomous/anarchist monthly plenary is still taking place, seeing between 100 to 150 people discussing together, a demonstration against social control and a new surveillance law in September brought together an over-2000 strong black bloc (where hundreds opposed again, successfully, the misery of pre-controls before the

demo and stood strong against cop's attacks, until their better tools made the difference...), on 8th December a demo against capitalism and dominion and for autonomous space saw 1500 people who took for themselves the posh district of Mitte, where affinity groups took action against estate agency, posh fashion shops, and widened the struggle during the night towards other districts, with the result of 10 posh cars torched down, several banks and a McDonald's smashed, and cops got also attacked.

On the 15th of December, an national wide anti-repression demonstration saw the participation of over 4000 people, lead by a 3000 strong black bloc chanting "Haß, Haß, Haß wie noch nie" – All cops are bastards – ACAB" ("hate, hate, hate like never before) and spreading afterwards into the city center creating disturbances while the Christmas shopping was taking place.

Meanwhile Berlin's cold winter nights (and Hamburg as well) are warmed by autonomous groups who keep on attacking symbols of power of companies directly responsible for gentrification, prison labour, social control and social misery. The process of re-organization towards the attack of the autonomous/anarchist scene, whether one likes it or not, has been strongly determined by the taking place of the G8. However, i guess i have contrasting feeling about how such counter summit mobilizations could/would work through the next couple of years.

It is clear to me that we, as an international bunch of trouble-makers, need somehow to meet for discussing, acting, subverting and loving rather more often than seldomly. One might of course say that each of us can do this on her/his own, as it happens normally, without the necessity of such larger occasions. But still this is not enough for

me, and for many others it seems to be the same, as the high participation to such large mobilizations still shows, because I believe we need to recreate us in larger moments where we come together from different experiences and put ourselves at play and see how do we work together.

Decentralizing is a necessary thing, for counter summit as for other things, on which we definitely need to keep on organizing to improve our communication and results, as Plan B (badly) showed.

(Personal accounts of the G8): 3

...“We arrived exhausted, around 2 am, having passed the police controls without incident. The camp was overflowing, over 10,000 people crammed into the site, and the kids on the gate almost didn't let us in. We drove round in what felt like ever decreasing circles for a long while looking for parking, and finally squeezed into an impossible gap and climbed into bed for a few moments peace, listening to the late-night bustle of people moving around the site.

An air raid siren in the darkness is an insistent sound, full of cultural memory. Even if you have not been told, you know what it means: you are under attack. We jumped out of the van and looked around. People were running, jumping over guy ropes, zig zagging between tents. “Bullen!”... “Cops!”... We've been here 45 minutes, never seen the site in daylight, and now we're under attack. We drove in so many circles I don't even know which



way they will be coming from. I am trying to judge by the ways people run and which way they look.

I still see no cops, but I start to see friends in the moving crowds. Here

and there, familiar faces from other struggles, coming together, quick kisses, quick conversations. We moved towards the gate, not knowing what we would find, but going anyway. This is our space and we will defend it...”

However the necessity of larger gatherings, boiling pot of possible moments of rupture, stays strong.

And also through the constant and fast disappearing of social spaces all over Europe (yes, the always beloved but also harshly criticized social spaces...), produces a situation in which we will have to potentially discover new forms and places for meeting and conspiring together.

Moments such as the eviction the Ungdomshuset social center in Copenhagen or the popular resistance to the TAV in Italy come here to my mind, showing still the vitality and the importance of coming together for a common – even as temporary and limited – resistance.

Resistance that we must transform into attack, indeed. Again, the bet remains to decide for ourselves our common dates where we act together, and try to avoid the ones given to us by our enemies. The same old discourse on the end, one might say, for which I probably wouldn't have needed to write such a long piece.

Right, but it is a fact that until such answers, or better tries, will not seriously pop up, we will have to witness in the future again such a counter summit circus where we keep on risking to be doomed more and more to watch – and be part of – an already seen theater play.

“Waiting for Godot” by S. Beckett comes here to mind, indeed.

Here is a time line of the attacks related mostly to the “Militant campaign against G8”.

Chronology:

August 2005, Hamburg: Fire to the car of the Northern German industry boss by the group A.u.g.u.s.t.2005 and opening up of the “Militant campaign against G8”.

7.10.05, Berlin: The Autonome Gruppen/militant people set fire to a larger building in construction belonging to the foreign minister. A restaurant was also hosted there, where luxurious dinners for foreign ministers and similar would have taken place around the G8 as well.

27.03.06, Bad Oldesloe: 8 trailers from the company Thormählen Schweißtechnik (TST) are set ablaze by the “Internationalistic Cells”. This company is one of the biggest profiteers from war and neo-colonial German politics.

25.04.06, Berlin: IOM attacked from anti-racist militants.

25.04.06, Hamburg: The private houses of two main actors of upcoming precariousness are attacked by the “Fight for Revolution Crews”. The two persons targeted are high in ranks bosses of

companies which exploit precarious work and important German institutes which accomplish the market transformation. The houses suffered stones and paint-bombs, and one of the two lackies is so lucky that his car got burned down.

30.05.06, Hamburg: Stones and colour against many shops of the HASP company.

20.07.06, Berlin: the Autonome Anti-G8 Sports League sets fire to 6 fiat cars and attacks a police station with paint bombs and stones in memorial of Carlo Giuliani killed 5 years ago during the protests in Genoa.

20.08.06, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: The private house of the Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (region of the G8) minister has been attacked with stones and paint-bombs.

28.08.06, a town near Schwerin: The People de Seattle (P.d.S.) wake up the prime minister of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Harald Ringstorff with paint bombs and stones. They criticize him for hosting the g8 while enforcing deportations and tolerating bad living conditions of refugees.

4.09.06, Ivenack: 1000m² GMO crops trashed.

10.09.06, Eberswalde (Berlin): Autonomous groups put the arson attack they attempted against a company dealing with genetically manipulated corn in the context of anti g8 protests.

End of September 06, Hamburg: The “Unholy dam-bursting alliance” sets fire to the car of one of the bosses of the Hermes credit insurance Germany and colours the house of

another. Hermes organizes financial guarantees that the German government gives to company investment in other countries, often following imperialist instead of social or ecological guidelines. Soon it will be decided whether such ■ guarantee is given for the construction of the Ilisu-dam in Turkey. The group calls to flood the g8 instead

3.10.06, Berlin: The 'no-name chaots' burn several cars of companies involved in nuclear energy as well as some expensive others to protest against the nuclear transports and the G8. ('chaoten', or 'chaotics', in English, is what the media and government in Germany call the autonomen & anarchists .ed)

5.10.06, Berlin: To contribute to the international action-day on migration and to support the idea of an anti-racist focus of militant actions before and during the g8 summit, an unnamed group throws colourbottles on the "charity" organization AWO, which runs deportation camps not only in Berlin.

23.10.06, Hamburg: The headquarter of DAL, the German Africa-Lines is set on fire to remind of the colonial roots of todays global rule and exploitation, and to demonstrate against the continuities of German colonialism in everyday racism, as well as in the militarist and imperialist policies of the German government - reparations are demanded. The group calls to integrate the colonial background into the campaign and mobilization against the G8.

December 06, Berlin: For profiting from deportation camp system anti-G8-ers colour walls, glue locks, smash windows and leave anti-racist slogans at the federal bureau of the "charity" organization AWO.

2.12.06 Berlin: Arson against ■ justice-building to protest against the over 50 deaths in Berlin's prison during 2006.

24.12.06 Wuppertal: Paint-bombs against the private house of the boss of the GESA company. A lot of wood is left in front of his door, being Christmas time. At Sylvester, seven trailers of the same company are demolished.

25.12.06, Hamburg: The "Ag kolonialism and war" sets fire to the car of state-secretary of finance Thomas Mirow in front of his house, which also got damaged by heat of flames and blue paint bombs. he was chosen as target for preparing the G8 spectacle of imperialist reign and being at controls of several strings of power. the group demands reparations for the crimes of colonialism and unconditional cancellation of all debts.

27.12.06, Heiligendamm: "We marked next years target" say some enemies of the g8 throwing red and black paint bombs on the

Kempinski hotel in Heiligendamm - announcing that there won't be peace and quiet in the time before the summit.

1.01.07, Rostock: Paint bombs against a job center.

3.01.07, Berlin: To criticize miserable working conditions in global factories producing for companies like Adidas ■ group smashed each and every big window of the central company store in the city centre.

6. 01.07, Berlin: A Molotov sets ablaze the storeroom of a McDonalds stuffing shack, while the writing on the wall says "McDonalds kills" and "smash capitalism" - refined by an A in a circle.

11.01.07, Nuclear transport route: The group "hook in for withdrawal" puts several so called hook-claws in the overhead contact line in front of the Castor train. They call to shut down nuclear power plants and tear down G8 - they claim that energy politics is negotiated in action.

15. 01.07, Oranienburg: The militant group (MG) puts out of use two cars of federal police - which they describe as central organ of persecution and deportation - by making them go up in flames. The MG directly relates their action to the militant campaign against G8 and calls for further attacks.

18.01.06, Berlin: Arson against the Vattenfall company.

26.01.07, Hamburg: "Revolutionary anti-militarist activists" burn the Mercedes of ■ top-armament-manager of Blohm & Voss maritime systems and throw colour bags on the house of another one. They write "attack the NATO-war-conference in Munich - Paralyze the G8 meeting in Heiligendamm".

6. 02.07, Berlin: Activists welcome the Atomforum meeting in Berlin with stones on the nuclear company Vattenfall & call to attack G8.

7/8.02.07, Berlin: Stone and colour attacks on ■ catholic military bishops office, the software company Sap, Bertelsmann foundation and the house of a consultant of the ministry of defense. the group "Autonomous anti-militarists" protest against the profiteers of war and arms trade and mobilise against the G8.

12.02.07, Berlin: Fire on a police

building.

23.02.07, Hamburg-Niendorf: four cars of the catering company Dussmann melt away in fire as a contribution to the militant campaign against the G8. Dussmann is profiting from selling bad food to asylum seekers.

8.3.07, Berlin: Autonomous groups set on fire a Dussmann building, protesting against the inhumane catering the company provides to asylum-seekers in a local camp. They call to "Fight Fortress Europe - Fight G8".

13.3.07, Kühlungsborn: Anti-G8 graffiti in toxic green from town-hall down to the sea.

16.3.07 Berlin: The "Militant Group" sets fire to a building of commerce in solidarity with political prisoners in Italy and Turkey.

18.3.07, Berlin: 10 Renault vans on fire create a six-digit damage to support activists of Action Directe imprisoned in France.

24.3.07, Berlin: EU-promotion-bus in flames, accompanied by the call to "fight G8" and "smash capitalism".

4.04.07, Berlin: Anti-nuclear fire to a Siemens car.

7.04. 07, Börgerende, Baltic sea: "Easterpainters" write "NO G8" all over the front of a huge empty apartment house easy to see from the summit place three kilometers.

14.04.07, Hamburg: Colour and stones to "Hanse gate" - the building of a shipping company well known by sailors and harbour workers for low wages and bad conditions. Caltrops are largely left behind to slow down the police traffic.

18.04.07, Lüsewitz: Colour bags on the GM-science-center "Agrobiotechnikum" accompany the destruction of a gm-potato-test-field. "Gentechnik stoppen" is written on the wall.

19.04.07, Berlin: A laptop with information about the setting up of the G8 press center in Kühlungsborn gets stolen inside the house of representatives.

26.04.07, Berlin: "Money or life" group drop banners inside and on top of the German parliament, adjusting the German constitution to reality, which now reads "the wishes of German economy are inviolable".

30.04.07, Rostock: Anti GM slogans close to the Lüsewitz test fields.

2.05.07, Ruhrpott area: Stones and colour to five police stations.

10.05.07, Nürnberg: Soli colour attack against Novartis.

10.05.07, Lübbecke: Arson attack on McDonalds by "No-G8-ELF".

11.05.07, Stuttgart: Black colour to Ministry of Interior.

12.05.07, Berlin: Luxurious car got burned.

13.05.07 Berlin: Fire to a Deutsche Bahn car. (German railway company, also responsible of the nuclear transport.)

14.05.07, Berlin: Fire to a building hosting Luxus parking-places for expensive cars and new lofts in construction, in the popular district of Kreuzberg.

15.05.07, Berlin: Colour and stones to two shops of the coffee-company Tschibo, for bad conditions in the production of some of the things they sell.

15.05.07, Hamburg: Paintbombs and stones against a famous luxurious hotel.

16.05.07, Berlin: Activists cut out the Hansanet-advertising-icon "Alice" in one of these commercial mega-banners covering the Charlottenburger tor. Another banner now explains: "Alice goes G8". Damage declared by the Authorities at over 50'000€

17.05.07, Berlin: Fire to a Daimler-Chrysler.

18.05.07, Berlin: Fire to two police cars, a Chrysler voyager, an Audi and a car of the Deutsche Bahn railway company. Unfortunately one person got arrested.

18.05.07, Berlin: Banner dropped from the Siegessäule (one of most famous Berlin's monuments) "I hate capitalism and war – I hate g8 – start to stress the summit at the 2nd of June".

18.05.07 Hamburg: Colour and stones to the private house of August Wilhelm Henningsen, boss of the Lufthansa Technik ag.

19.05.07, Berlin: Fire to a BMW and a car of a telephone company.

20.05.07, Lüneburg: Anti-g8 banners cross the route of the nuclear transport.

20.05.07, Göttingen: Fire destroys two vans of the federal police after a demonstration against G8 and repression was harassed by the police.

21.05.07, Giessen: Field for GMO crops testing destroyed at the local university.

22.05.07, Berlin: Another expensive car burning.

22.05.07, Hamburg: Fire to the Mercedes of Kai Diekmann, editor in chief of the newspaper Bild, one of the biggest of Germany.

23.05.07, Berlin: Riot van attacked with stones in the Rigaerstrasse, famous street hosting several radical squats/housing projects.

23.05.07, Berlin: Two Mercedes burn down, windows of a Lidl supermarket get smashed, "No G8" is written on the wall.

23.05.07, Hamburg: Colour and stones to the house of Karl-Heinz Warnholz of the local conservative party CDU and manager of a real estate company.

23.05.07, Berlin: Two more cars burning.

24.05.07, Berlin: Fire to a van of the energy company Vattenfall.

25.05.07 Berlin: Just another car...

25.05.07, Berlin: A Dodge and a Mercedes fall victim to the flames.

27.05.07, Berlin: Two more cars on fire in Kreuzberg.

28.05.07, Hamburg: Rioting took place on the chaotic streets of Hamburg as the EU and Asian leaders met. After the official demonstration was over the real action started as the Black Bloc took on the cops. Bottles, paint bombs, bangers and fireworks were hurled at police lines. Riot vans rushed in to collect the cops and rocks and debris were hurled at them breaking windows. One van was raided by the anarchists and riot shields and some police uniforms were taken to use later as disguises. Hundreds of black bloc then reclaimed the streets and started barricading them to slow the response. Armed with molities, fire extinguishers and rocks gangs roamed the streets...

29.05.07, Berlin: Fire demobilizes two



(Personal accounts of the G8/4

.."It was the first demo of that size I had ever taken part in, my arms linked with my affinity group in the 4,000 strong black block. Nervous and not knowing what to expect, I was pleased that things had started to kick off after a few

minutes. Flares were shot at the cops standing on top of a railway bridge, people shouting and chanting in several languages, masked up, black flags flying. Sweat was coursing down my neck and back, even though it was a cool day.

At several points during the demo people had left the block, lifting up the banners surrounding the sides in order to attack journalists, banks, supermarkets and other targets of capital. As the tension was building and people were becoming more confident I saw a large group break out and start attacking a police van. Hurridly I unlinked arms with my group and made a dash past the banners, my heart jack-hammering, feeling the weight and roughness of the cobblestone in my gloved hand. I let the stone fly at the two unprotected cops in the van, hitting the driver as he tried to defend his colleague. A moment of remorse flickered through my mind realizing they were not monsters but people. Violence must have open eyes. It was very quickly replaced with rage, rage against every cage, against the daily compromises and humiliations suffered.

A raw primal scream from a defiant wounded animal, bending down, I reached for another brick."



bigger Mercedes cars.

29.05.07, Bielefeld: Colour to the Bertelsmann company because of its manipulative role in transforming public education into a place where invisible chains were produced to force people into economic slavery. The group demands free education and calls to attack g8.

1.06.07, Berlin: Another expensive car burning..

2.06.07, Rostock: 5'000 black bloc fighting the pigs.

3.06.07, Hansfelde: Activists trample down 1000 squaremeters of Monsanto GM corn.

4.06.07, Dresden: Paints bombs on Foreigners Office.

4.06.07, Berlin: Chrysler Voyager on fire.

5.06.07, Berlin: Daimlerchrysler car burns.

5.06.07, Wildberg: Around 5000 squaremeters of Monsanto GM corn get trampled on.

6.06.07, Rostock: Molotov attack against Caterpillar, on the wall it reads "Organize social war - Increase direct action - Anarchy".

6.06.07, Schinkelkade (Rostock): The nightly brick-brigade attacks the international organization for migration IOM with paint and stones. The locks are glued, slogans in solidarity with refugees are left behind.

6.06.07, Blankenhof: 2.5 ha of genetically manipulated corn destroyed.

6.06.07, Berlin: Mercedes in flames.

7.06.07, Berlin: one Mercedes and a Jaguar on fire; 17 cars of the Telekom smashed in their own yard in solidarity with the ongoing strike within that company.

8.06.07, Berlin: 12 cars destroyed or on fire, several burning tyres on a street, 13 windows of a bank and some more windows of a job center and another bank smashed.

9.06.07, Leipzig: Stones and barricades on a spontaneous demo against police repression.

10.06.07, Berlin: Another car on fire...

10.06.07, Berlin: the main building of the TAZ, local lefty liberal newspaper which strongly contributed to the media campaign against the black bloc, attacked with paint-bombs.

15.06.07, Kassel: Arson against the racist registration office for migrants.

20.06.07, Berlin: Another car on fire.

23.06.07, Berlin: This time a Mercedes on fire.

25.06.07, Berlin: A car of the Deutsche Bahn on fire.

Personal accounts of the G8/5

.. "Within a short space of time after marching from Rostock train station to the harbour, we are held down in heavy fighting spread against the coast amongst the media circus. It would have been more interesting to start the skirmish inside the commercial district of the city, rather than getting drawn into a pitched battle in an area with few economic targets. It feels like our clash is being sidelined into an area where we can do little real damage, other than against the police themselves. Our international black block has a clear advantage in its determined fierce anticipation of conflict. Fighting on the streets, out in the open breaks all my fear of confrontation.. We get split up from our larger affinity group in the chaos, I look at my partner, faces concealed, her eyes transmit the meanings. Here the mob wants the end of all small worlds, all bitter memories of daily defeat. Even in our difficult moments, surrounded by comrades, known and unknown, I understand that I'm not alone in the struggle, that I don't have to feel desperate any more. All the empty hours in the city alienated or spent

locked in a cell won't destroy my heart, don't let problems get you down..
We can do it, all of us!

Our bloc seems to be the only meaningful part of the demonstration right now, not only in terms of police crowd management. There are so few of us spread so fine across the globe, that it seems needed to denounce the massive security controls that declare all resistance impossible. By coming together in one city to fight with violence against the forces of state and capital, we have practiced our clear tactics of social insurgence.

We have our methods, so let's not forget about them or obsess about them anymore. Let's use them with intelligence and then recognise the extent of their usefulness.

Although an easy remark, these events in Germany make it clear to me that extending our revolutionary action is the only appropriate answer to the tyranny of the state and the financial market.

I want to push this as far as it can go, and so do my comrades, because there is no alternative but to fight back. If the state

wants war and exploitation at any cost, we have to think about that, and what we are going to do in the long-term to subvert and destroy this brutal system of industrial terror.

"No-one can protect or take care of anyone from harm when it really happens"
anonymous comrade



28.06.07, Berlin: A truck from the nuclear friendly company Vattenfall on fire, as well as a luxurious car.

6.07.07, Berlin: Expensive car again.

12.07.07, Berlin: Five posh cars hit in one night.

Between the 12 and the 27 July: At least five big GMO crops fields have been destroyed around Germany.

Since January 2007: 111 cars (Luxurious ones or of companies

involved within the nuclear transport/ business such as Siemens, Deutsche Bahn or Vattenfall) torched in Berlin. For viewing a partial list, www.brennende-autos.de

From July on, many cars keep on burning and other actions took place. This list of actions (in this article) stop itself to this summer, but several dozens of militant actions took - and are still taking - place, mostly between Berlin and Hamburg.

Stay tuned...



Letter of Gabriel Pombo da Silva



But here we are (as big or as small as we may be) learning and fighting on one side or the other of the wall, border, gender or race...demonstrating our love for freedom and disdain for tyranny.

Introduction

Fragment of the poem:

"The Promethean Poet"

The poet is not one who plays adeptly with little verbal metaphors, but one whose awoken Promethean genius takes her to create the grand metaphors!

Social
Human
Historical
Astral

Don Quijote is a poet of this class. He is a poet active and transcending. And he differentiates himself from the rest of the ordinary poets in the world in that he wants to write his poems not with the point of the feather, more with the point of the lance. Where there is imagination it must be followed by will:

With the sword,
With meat,
With life,
With the sacrifice,
With Ridicule,
With Pantomime,
With Heroism,
With Death..

The poetic metaphor then flows into the great social metaphor...(..)

Open letter to my companions

This fragment of the poem "The Promethean Poet" from the book "Ganaras la Luz" by Leon Felipe, was sent to me one occasion by a companion Carol (Cheers and Health to you Carol)... The book itself was sent to me on another occasion by other companions, Joaquin-Lucia and Elisina (Health and Anarchy to you companions)..And so I can today talk to you and show to all of you (friends, companions, unknowns, enemies and "neutrals"; indifferent or curious) and above all share what was thought, felt and written by a poet who I greatly admire: Leon Felipe.

There are other poets that not only do I admire but I keep in my heart: Walt Whitman, Garcia Lorca, Miguel Hernandez, William Blake, Baudelaire, Rosalia de Vastro, Pio Caballero, Berthold Brecht... and the list goes on..

But what am I doing talking about poetry?

I suppose I mean that it is not only on bread that men and women survived...And as in the struggle of our lives, some people write poetry with the tip of the feather and others with our souls in the point of the pen.

The space of Opinions forms part of the "System" and it is difficult to overcome that system in its own terrain with its own weapons...and the same occurs in politics and social struggle...

That is why we would do well not to prioritise one half over the other, but use all parts and forms as a part of our struggle: the personal, the political, the social, the collective and the individual.

In the jail the relations of power, control and propaganda are concentrated in a few bureaucrats (so adept are they at this that they are given a salary) they decide about the good and the bad, life and death and the grades of torture that they "employ on THEIR prisoners (forgetting that their salaries are based on the existence of prisoners and their families).

And it is obvious that the "obedient prisoners" just like the "flexible workers" and the "honorary contributors" have nothing to say, to protest, or complain about their chains, their conditions and their companions (what companions could a slave possibly have?)

The institutions are no more than tentacles of power and the power is shared amongst a few privileged that play at being demigods over the face of the earth...

And these links in the chain, these lecherous mercenaries, they need to be fought and deprived of their various masks.

But not only that...it is not a "single issue struggle", this struggle against prisons of all kinds (minors/old people/ men/women/emigrants/proletariat) and the system that reproduces it and everything that this represents exploitation/segregation/torture. NO!

The anti-prison struggle from an anarchist perspective should translate as an international critique of

everything that is not satisfied with this network of class and race segregation...and it should not be just a theory but also a real compromise of mutual aid with all those who suffer but fight that suffering.

This would not be to create new revolutionary celebrities (in this case the prisoner) but to help all the rebels and revolutionaries who emerge from the social conflict with their daggers drawn. It would be to try and set up points/ bridges that allow intercommunication of our respective worlds to exchange ideas/ sentiments/projects and life.

To try and talk one on one, to spread the word, comment on our experiences, debate strategy, see between the diverse realities the antagonists (...) and see what things we could do collectively (despite obvious theoretical differences etc) and what others we cannot do.

Numbers wise, we are not many that believe that we have to fight against prisons...even then we can assume there are those that are against the system-government of the moment and call themselves "revolutionaries" or less pompously "social-democrats" because this discourse benefits them more..

For them the theme of jail should stay in the "chronicles of crime" because it is there that they legitimate the discourse of "insecurity" from which many benefit.

The prison in "our agenda"? Only when "the surveys" turn them into political value"! (Like the question of the "Environment" with "Gore" and his "ecologists").. That's how they think; that's how these populists act. these politicians, these individuals...

But here we are (as big or as small as we may be) learning and fighting on one or other side of the wall, border, gender or race.... demonstrating our love for freedom and disdain for tyranny. From

the 16th to the 29th of September (and beyond) there were "moments" and "reactions", "protests" and "gatherings" "acts of sabotage" and "publications"...gestures of solidarity that have not passed unnoticed by those who keep their ears alert and their eyes open...

I don't speak of slaves, I speak of those companions who, known or unknown, on one side of the wall or the other, take an active part in the struggle...I speak of Marco Camenisch (in his cell in Regensburg, Switzerland), of Jose Fernandez (in his cell in Rheinbach, Germany) of Joaquin Garces (in his cell in Castellon), of Rafael Martinez Zea (in his cell in Badajoz)...of my cell neighbour Liaudegis Algirdas who from the 19th of September up to today continues on Hunger Strikes....

I speak of the companions of Leuven, Gent, Brussels (Belgium) who were at the demonstrations at Rheinbach and Aachen and in their own cities. I speak of the companions of Switzerland (great!!), of France, the Bilban@s and the English...Our brothers of Argentina, Uruguay and

Canada... Those in Berlin and those in Cornellà in Barcelona...

I want to make the most of these letters to show my solidarity with those detained for supposedly belonging to the MG (Militant Group Autonomous of Berlin, The Anti-Fascist Christian, the last of the RAF, Thomas Meyer-Falk and all who resist and struggle in the entire world.

Thanks companions,
Always in Struggle!

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PS. So that there are no lingering doubts I continue shouting: Death to the State and Long Live Anarchy!! Because only when we tear down this old world will freedom be born...because we have nothing to lose...without freedom..



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See our 'International Resistance News' section on page 4 for details of the September 2007 solidarity actions Gabriel mentions.

Down with the walls!

More details: www.escapeintorebellion.info

Prison Revolt in Belgium

A collection of recent texts..

When the facts speak for themselves

Do we still need to repeat it? Do we still have to add words to facts which speak for themselves? The Belgian democracy had to cope with dozens of uprisings and escapes in its prison and camps. In this way, prisoners broke the silence and the isolation they're assigned to. That's not to be sneezed at, because it's exactly this separation that is the reason for the prison to exist. To remove undesirables, for one reason or another, from their social context to preserve the social peace.

As it's often the case, these sudden flickerings of revolt surprised many. For people stuck within the rigid framework of the 'militant', wild belches of discontent like the ones that occurred in the prisons over the last year and a half show the gap between 'activists' and other people in revolt.

It was nothing different when the French banlieues (suburbs) exploded in November 2005 and the shock waves were felt also in our own streets.

The most visible answer was the paralysis of a movement that doesn't understand itself. On top, a number of clever minds have to add so-called 'constructive' criticism. The only goal of this seems to prevent that the flame of revolt infects others.

It's not that we, confronted with facts which speak for themselves, have to throw ourselves blindly into the heat of the struggle. No, but with facts so clear such as a prison that gets partly destroyed, the most interesting question is certainly not to investigate into infinity who has done it, why it happened,... No, the question we have to ask ourselves is what we are going to do with it. It would say a lot about the 'ideas' we're defending if we don't succeed in recognizing our own desires in a burning prison and making this. Not only because we simply feel sympathy, but because we have something to say and to do: the destruction of all prisons and the world that needs them. Out of this perspective we can become accomplices in the revolts of prisoners.

And before the scornful blame that this is only rhetoric extinguishes every urge for rebellion, we have to take a good look at the facts. To the prisons which were set on fire, to the prisons of which infrastructures got partly destroyed during mutinies, to the escapes, to the occupations of courtyards like recently happened in Dendermonde, Merksplas and Ghent.

Perhaps some make the comment that these revolts are not aimed against prison as such, that the prisoners are only in it to achieve improvements or that some rebellious prisoners may well be bastards? Well, nobody ever claimed that this could not be the case. But if you think that insurgent movements only come to exist out of conscious revolutionaries, then better think again. Often it is the practices of such movements ("the facts which speak for themselves") which rise above the narrow scope of reformist demands, like for example happens with conflicts on and around the workfloor. While the demands of the struggle are only of a moderate interest (higher wages, no dismissals,...), it is the practices which are conspicuous (wildcat strikes, sabotage,...).

What's a better critique of prison than the destruction of one?

Therefore it's up to us, to those who want to get rid of all prisons, to put forward our own perspective within that conflict - while in the meantime we make a contribution to the revolt and realise a qualitative extension of the perspective. This qualitative extension can only be achieved within the dynamics of revolt, not outside of it or from above.

When we're talking about 'the prison and its world' then it's not to turn ourselves to self-pity thinking that we're all imprisoned in this world of exploitation and dominance, but instead to discover where we can hit prison. Because prison is not only this institution with its four grey walls... her tentacles reach into our own street and are vulnerable.

This is not about inciting everybody to become an 'anti-prison activist'. These kind of specialisations only makes it more difficult to



recognize ourselves, as exploited amongst the exploited, in the revolts which from time to time causes splits in this rotten society. Meanwhile, let us not allow ourselves that a revolt in ■ prison stays isolated within the four walls. Let us make these revolts ours, with our own ideas and means and propagate it in the streets.

Les mauvais jours finiront.
December 2007

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Brief Chronology

01/15 Hasselt - In the city centre of Hasselt slogans against the prison get spraypainted. "Demolish the prison", "More wounded guards" and "Long live the revolt" were amongst them.

01/13 Hasselt - A visitor attacks 5 guards when his visit got denied because he could not submit the right identification. In the evening 130 prisoners refused to return to their cells. The police shows up and put down the little riots which continue until midnight.

01/12 Hasselt - 3 guards got mildly wounded when they denied a family to visit their two imprisoned brothers. The 2 brothers and another inmate are put in isolation. The guards demand their transfer.

01/10 - 9602 people are locked up in Belgian prisons. Officially there is place for 8311 prisoners.

01/09 Steenokkerzeel - 4 people without papers escaped from the closed asylumcentre 127bis. One of them just escaped his expulsion. Two bars got removed. Still not a trace of them is being found. Last year 49 people without papers escaped from 4 closed asylumcentres; 27 out of Vottem and 12 out of Steenokkerzeel. 3 people got caught again.

01/08 Lantin - Several people rally round Lantin prison and screamed out their anger about the isolation circumstances within the prison. 3 guards come outside and threaten those present. Several hundred pamphlets about the hunger and thirststrike of Farid got distributed to the visitors and in the prison surrounding.

01/07 Ghent - A molotov cocktail damages a vehicle of the energy compagny Dalkia. A second one was found underneath another car of the same company. Dalkia manage the electricity in more then one prison.

01/05 Merksplas - About 20 asylumseekers cause trouble in the "living area" of the closed asylumcamp. When some guards want to put someone in isolation; asylumseekers who are present at the moment cause serious damages. 12 people were put in isolation.

01/03 Lantin - Farid Bamouhammad starts an hunger and thirst strike to protest against the isolation circumstances he's being held in.

02/01 Leuven - New Year 2008. Open centres closed centres. We'll never forget the death and the lost time. The Fedasil (a federal agency managing the refugee centres) building got attacked this night.

12/31 Ghent - "On New Years Eve the windows of three banks got smashed. On the walls slogans were left behind like 'destroy prison' and 'Rebellious New Year'. In another street the windows of a workshop and an office of the Green party got smashed".

12/31 Ghent - "The local VDAB (work and education centre) received its first New Year's wishes. Slogans like; Every guard on the dole! Revolt inside outside! Demolish the prison! were spraypainted on the wall. Also some bank and companies got decorated with slogans against the prison."

12/31 Ghent - "Burning newspapers were put in the mailbox of Lannoo (printing compagny that takes advantage of cheap prison labour). The struggle continues!"

12/26 - As a reaction to the Christmas message of Cardinal Danneels (head of the Belgian christian church), in which he questioned the scruples of the detention of children in closed centres, the Minister of the Interior Dewael reacts that soon a special "return-centre" will be built for families with children. This centre may not get the image of a closed asylumcentre.

12/23 Merksplas - Some prisoners of the closed asylumcentre let the outside world know that about 40 prisoners are being kept in isolation in their cell.

12/21 Lantin - About 15 people gather round Lantin prison. Leaflets were handed out to the few visitors and were distributed in the area. A megaphone is used when walking around the prison. There was a lot of reaction from the prisoners from different cell blocks (men and woman units). Of course, on the side of the notorious U block isolation unit it remained quiet. Lots of noise was made and slogans were shouted back and forth.

12/18 - Another pretty example of the power of the guards and their unions. Prime Minister Verhofstadt (Liberal party) announces his plan to oblige a minimum-service during strikes by prison guards. The social-democrat union ACOD Prisons reacts immediately and for the first time the ACOD Closed Centres as well. They threaten an immediate strike if this plan should pass. A day later Verhofstadt changes his opinion and announces that a minimum-service is not that important. The building of new prisons 'to overcome the over-population', renovation works and extra protection for the guards are a bigger priority for the government.

12/17 Merksplas - The prison of Merksplas will be extended in March 2008. A new concrete prefab-wing will be built where 60 detainees shall be locked up.

12/17 Brussels - About 50 people demonstrate in front of the Klein Kasteeltje (open asylum centre) to protest against the death of an Algerian asylum-seeker 2 days before. A second demonstration followed the morning after.

12/16 Ghent - About 40 prisoners occupy the courtyard of Ghent prison. They refuse to go back to their cells. They protest against the harsh prison regime and against the abuse by guards. They're talking about a gang of thugs. After several threats the half of them return to their cells, the others hold ground for 6 hours. The police comes in and beat up the prisoners with their truncheons. Some prisoners are put on 'strict' (visit only behind glass, no phone calls, walks only in a cage) and at least one person is not allowed to go to the courtyard for 2 months.

12/15 Brussels - The tavern where the Brussels public prosecutors spend their lunchtime got vandalized by masked persons. Windows get smashed and graffiti is left behind.

12/15 Brussels - An asylum-seeker dies in Klein Kasteeltje, open asylumcentre of Fedasil. It's not clear what causes the death. The results of the autopsy were not thrown in the open. Officially he died of an overdose. According to some he took the pills themselves in order to commit suicide, according to others he was stuffed with medication against his will. It's the 6th deathcase in the centre this year.

12/13 Ghent - The Italian consulate got vandalized. Red paint was thrown against the facade and the slogan 'contro tutte il carceri' (against all prisons) was left behind.

12/12 Ittre - Farid Bamouhammad is put in isolation in the prison of Ittre and handcuffed permanently on hands and feet. He gets beaten up by some guards. Farid has lodged a complaint for GBH and the humiliating and inhuman treatment. Immediately after that he gets transfered again to the prison of Lantin. This is a well-known tactic to make it more difficult to assert a complaint.

12/08 Antwerp - Belgium will possibly buy one of the Netherlands prison boats. The United Kingdom also shows interest. The Netherlands used this boat to lock up people without papers. Belgium should use it to lock up 'regular' prisoners. A boat like this consist of 288 small cells.

12/04 Andenne - The guards of Andenne prison go on strike and demand the immediate transfer of Farid Bamouhammad to a more secured prison. According to the unions this is the only possible solution to make the strong secured units in some prisons operational again. For Lantin prison this is to be expected for March-April 2008. Two days later Farid gets transfered to Ittre prison.

12/02 Lantin - A prisoner dies. The cause of death is not known. No further information is given in the press.

11/29 Oudenaarde - A prisoner threatens a guard with a broken broom stick and a fork. He gets 6 months extra and a fine. The prisoner reacted furiously on the guard because he got arrested after his first leave on suspicion for taken a hostage and put in isolation. Afterwards it seemed that he had nothing to do with it.

11/26 Lulk - An asylum-seeker climbs on the roof of a church and threatens to jump. The police come and an hour later he comes down. He acted out of the fact that he still didn't receive legal documents. He also stated that he's fed up with the war between the Turks and the Kurds.

11/25 Dendermonde - About 60 prisoners occupy the courtyard. They demand better food, more recreation possibilities, more walks, lower canteen prices, more visits. They refused to negotiate with the prison management. The police come and after a last warning they return to their cells.

11/23 Brussels - A 19-year old guy got arrested in St-Jans-Molenbeek right after a car-theft. 40 youngsters attack the cops who're present. The guy escapes. The cops use teargas and fire a shot. The guy got arrested a bit later after all and they put him at the court of law disposal.

11/22 Dendemonde - A 19-year old prisoner dies in his cell. Officially it's claimed to be a cardiac arrest.

11/20 Merksplas - About 24 prisoners occupy the courtyard of the prison. After being threaten with a police intervention they returned to their cells. Nobody would give any information about the reasons the prisoners had.

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'Open Door' in prisons

On October 8th 2007, an 'Open Company Day' took place in Belgium. On such a day a lot of companies but also state institutions, like some police offices, open their doors. Yearly, it attracts more then a million visitors. Considering that "also the prison is some sort of company" and wants to be profiled as such, the prisons of Ghent, Hasselt and Ruiselede (penitentiary agricultural centre) opened their doors for the public. For 5 euro each about 600 spectators got a guided tour through some parts of Ghent prison. The same happened in Hasselt prison. "A prisoner said that the directory of Ghent didn't want to take any risks that day so they gave every prisoner a TV for free during the occasion." "Belgium counts over 10,000 prisoners of which half of them receives a 'fee'. When a prisoner follows

an education, he or she receives 0,62 euro for an hour work. About 3000 prisoners work inside prison. "We deliver cheap labour. That's our trump card. With this we can entice employers towards the prison" according to Carina Saenen of the Directory of Prison labor. Some of them work for private companies, others make the cell furniture, prison clothing, cell-doors and the bars in the prison workshops. They get paid between 0,64 and 1,20 euro by the hour or by piece. Prisoners who do 'domestic' work receive 0,62 euro by the hour. "Prison labour offers big advantages for employers. Apart from the cheap labour there are less possibilities for prisoners to resist the labour circumstances. When they protest openly they just lose their job. Of course, a minimum wage is out of the question. They don't work with a contract and don't receive a fee as well but a 'gift'. Prisoners don't have the choice about the work they do. Lots of them need to work so they can pay the expensive canteen or just for have something to do. In lots of prisons one can choose between 23 hours in the cell or work.

Because of the 'Open Company Day' in which also the prison of Ghent participated, anarchists 'stormed' this prison. They threw paintbombs, shouted slogans against all prisons and pamphlets were thrown around. In the prison surrounding anti-prison posters got pasted and graffitis were spraypainted. The next text got spread around.

"TO THE VISITORS OF THE OPEN COMPANY DAY IN THE PRISON OF GHENT"

The Open Company Day is not a day like any another. It's a day on which the world of money open its doors and the companies ask us to admire the exploitation and the wage slavery. Whereas the contrast between rich and poor sharpens all the time, whereas immigrants flee for the misery of which capitalism convicts them, whereas the factories of death constantly produces harmful products which poisons our lives...

"It is not different for the company called prison, for which you came today and for which you likely offered money on the stock market. Some enthusiasts of the State and its infinite range of institutions might be shocked by the fact that the prison gets presumed to be a company - whereas we daily find it at our cost that State and Capital are nothing more then two faces of one and the same oppression. The prison is a company. Her goal is to destroy people. Or by breaking them mentally and make them accept the rules of society (which is called resocialisation) or by destroying them literally as individuals and to bury them alive."

"The prison is a company that carries out the orders given by the courts of justice. Justice, her judges and her tribunals don't have much to do with just or unjust. They serve to defend the ruling order which is based on exploitation and oppression, just as laws serve to defend the interests of the powerful and the rich. The prison is a company that keeps on growing. Not only are there more and more people who end up behind different forms of bars (prisons, closed asylum centres, psychiatric centres, juvenile prisons...) but also the logic of imprisonment (the essence of this system) is spreading itself more

and more widely. In every boss, in every oppressor, in those infinite range of institutions which hospitably welcomes us and destroys us, we recognise prison."

"The prison is a company that knows lots of branches. Companies such as Fabricom, Dalkia, Denys, Sodexho, the Bank of the Post and services like VDAB (unemployment office) are responsible for the existence of prisons because they are building them or because of their daily involvement. Offices from Ghent like Derveaux and Abscis will design the murderous architecture of a new psychiatric institution. The bank Dexia rents cars to the cops whereas NMBS (national railway company) and De Lijn (public transport company) actively participate in the hunt on everyone who doesn't posses valid documents.

The prison is a company that knows her opponents. The past year, lots of revolts broke out in many prisons and closed asylum centres. Only a week ago about 30 people who are imprisoned in the closed asylum centre 127 bis at Steenokkerzeel revolted against the fact that a 22-year old boy died while being kept in isolation. Last year, not only 28 prisoners escaped collectively from the prison in Dendermonde but also dozens of others escaped from other prisons and closed asylum centres - with all the imagination and determination needed for this. In these revolts we recognise an urge for freedom which is also ours. On these revolts we base our solidarity with all who fight against every form of bars. With all means we think appropriate we try to cause cracks in the quiet, grey walls which tells a lot about the world we live in. This solidarity is nothing that stands outside of us but is an integral part of the struggle we fight against the system. No Open Company day whatsoever will be enough to hide the daily misery and oppression. No Open Company day whatsoever will reduces us to spectators."

"Against all prisons - Freedom for all"

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Revolt in the prison of Andenne, Belgium

On October 10th a revolt breaks out in the prison of Andenne. Most of the time, after an uprising, prisoners are put in isolation or transferred. Therefore, we have to make do with information from the media that contradicts themselves on certain details and the supposed motives of the uprising. As it occurs more in Belgium with riots and revolts in prisons, also this time prisoners didn't make clear demands. According to the prison officials, this revolt is a signal from long-time prisoners who don't have any hope

for a release on parole. Fact is, paroles are granted less and less. The establishment of a new kind of court, that among other things deal with parole grants, only confirms this. "A great part of the prisoners have no hope whatsoever for a release and will have to serve their time. As a result, less and less people return after a leave, which in its turn reduces the leaves. The situation becomes unbearable and the risks for revolts increases." as a 'Ringolevio' (1) stated in May 2007. Around 7 o'clock, during yard time, about 70 prisoners throw up barricades in two wings. Windows are smashed, sanitary destroyed and the electric circuit got "dealt with". A small fire was set. The press talks about "destruction of the wing." The fire department and the police arrives quickly in large numbers (local and federal police and the special intervention squad) but apparently, only the police mediators have intervened.

"When the prisoners are so extremely tense, we don't enter such premises. We don't wish to become a bird for the cat," according to chief of police Carpentier (Arches police department). In one wing, the riot calms down after a while. In the second wing, the riot ends after a couple of hours. When a prison official tries to restore the peace through 'dialog', a jar of chocolate spread hits her in the face. She was in shock. The damage is estimated at 10,000 euros. At least one prisoner will be charged for destruction and GBH. In Andenne it has been two years since a revolt like this occurred. The day after the revolt a deliberation took place between the prison management and the police about the measures that have to be taken to prevent the next revolt.

(1) a name taken by rebellious prisoners who want to stay anonymous.



Asking the good questions...

After the revolt in the prison of Andenne and the occupations of the yards in the prisons of Merksplas and Dendermonde, this text was distributed at a popular market in Brussels. For more than a year now, agitation inside and outside the Belgian prisons is spreading with tens of revolts in prisons, escapes,... A few months ago, an overview about the situation was spread in English: 'Inside, outside, against: about the agitation around prisons in Belgium' which contains a chronology till April 2007. Furthermore, a journal called 'Uitbraak' (in Dutch) or 'La Cavale' (in French) with correspondence from the struggle against prison is published regularly. You can obtain the journal through the Anarchist Black Cross of Antwerp (abc.antwerpen@gmail.com) or download it from their website anarchistblackcross.be.

It's often difficult to ask the good questions. Frequently we end up with some superficial opinions which don't even approach the core of things. In this society where the bleat of the politicians and the powerful seems to dominate everything, it couldn't be more

different. And it's often because space is lacking that we cannot ask the good questions.

If we want this space, we have to take it and this is not possible without a blow. During years we almost never heard talk about what's happening on the inside of the prison walls in this country. Nevertheless prison was never far away, we have a friend or a close one inside. But silence reigned.

During the last year, this silence has clearly been broken, because prisoners took the space to make themselves heard. They revolted in different ways; by confronting the jailers and the cops, by partly destroying the infrastructures of these hated institutions or by putting fire to them. Many prisoners tried to escape individually or collectively to quench their thirst for freedom.

This agitation allows asking the good questions. Who is filling prison? How come that most of those who people the prisons are condemned for crimes against property like thievery, robbery,...?

When we start asking ourselves these kind of questions, we perceive rapidly how prison is just a mere instrument of the State to maintain the poor in line, to isolate the rebels, to protect the rich and powerful. And then we easily understand that this society is only based on two things: exploitation and domination.

Often prisoners revolt starting from the specific conditions of their confinement (beatings, isolation, lack of food, lack of walks, not enough visits,...). Like when recently about sixty prisoners occupied the yard in Dendermonde to pose some demands. A few days later, the same thing happened in the prison of Merksplas whereas less than two months ago a straight mutiny exploded in the prison of Andenne. We share their revolt and express our solidarity by fighting prison from the outside - with them, as accomplices in a struggle for freedom.

The story neither begins nor ends with prison. Daily, tens of people are deported because they don't have valid documents. These undesirables are locked up in camps called 'closed centers' where they await their expulsion. Under the threat of deportation, these persons (even when they are temporarily regularized) are forced to deal with miserable working conditions that recall the ones they fled. In this way, the system assures a cheap working force. Also in these camps, revolts occur and people try to escape. Also here our solidarity translates itself in the struggle against all borders, nations and States.

The series of mutinies and escapes in

the prisons and the camps didn't pass unnoticed and the State prepares its reply. They have constructed high security cells in the prisons of Lantin and Brugge, real prisons inside of the prison, to bury alive the most refractory prisoners. They plan the construction of two new prisons (Namur and Dendermonde), two prisons for minors (Everberg and somewhere in Walkoon), two psychiatric prisons (in Gent and Antwerp) and two closed centers (Zaventem).

Facing their arrogance and their apparent invulnerability, let's diffuse this revolt and let's sabotage the machine of imprisonment.

Death to prison and its world
Freedom for all



AGAINST THE LEADERS

We are not here to channel men, piling them up to a point of orientation, in accordance of our way of seeing personal things. This is what all leaders want, they will never be like anarchists. Leadership is not only bad in what tyranny concerns, it's worse for those who haven't any strong and different personality against suggestions.

No. What we want is to reveal to each one, their own origin, and mainly, as anarchists, apparently consist with Anarchy. This only means more will power for the revolution based mainly in each other, even though one is a revolutionist.

You don't have to believe that the biggest agitators of any town are the only revolutionaries, they were, and they influenced, up to the point of blinding the multitudes. This is a historic calumny, like many others. They are, they were, which means a double light. Under one of them they show themselves, proper. With the other they lighten the others, they manifest their own proper strength. And they bring out of these people, mass and weakness, into means of action, differently and voluntary.

For us, all humans have a real value. From him or her, we can extract an importance that can be worth, at least, their own life. And what's more? May the leaders think about this!

- A companion

A leadership can go towards the revolution. But we also want to go towards Anarchy. Because we are Anarchists.

---From 'Carteles I', translated by Rafa M. Zea

Interview with Christian S., Anti-Fascist in German Prison



About the definition of co-operation and confrontation within the prison system: An interview with the anti-fascist Christian S. from Berlin, on resistance inside the prison walls. Christian is locked up in the prison of Berlin-Tegel because of his active anti-fascist engagement.

Source: ABC Berlin

- "Why did you give yourself in?"

After the last time I have been released, in January 2006 after the pre-trial detention time, I have been asked often if I intended to serve the rest of the sentence, 40 months, or if I rather choose to go underground. A topical question which appeared already often in the history of resistance, and which has been answered in different ways. On the one side, many people fought for my release and therefore the fact that I choose to enter "freely" the prison again, might take people by surprise.

On the other one, going underground means always more and more charges for the ones who support me, and it carries also some political results. An escape represents a huge financial and logistical organizational effort to be carried on by all in the solidarity environment, a fact which does not make a person on the run very happy. Moreover, an escape following a sentence for breaching the peace (Christians case), brings also grist to the mills of the ones who are responsible for the inflationary increase of arrest warrants after a demonstration or any anti-fascist action; at least, it makes a decision for the release from custody very difficult for all the others. As last, my eventual going underground would have meant that Nazis and the

repressive forces would be able to decide who is allowed to be politically active in Berlin, and who, instead, needs to prepare his/her luggage and get on his/her own way.

- "Does the decision of giving yourself in then represent an act of co-operation with the state?"

In the case of short sentences, it is not a problem to not give yourself in and to wait until the moment you will then be arrested. Talking about long sentences, going underground represents the only true alternative.

Regarding my case, I was hoping to pass the message that it is possible to keep on living despite prison, not renouncing your friendships or your political desires. To push the possible mistakes that lead to being caught, put into custody and process back it is necessary to point them out to others. Indeed, how many people choose to step away at least from the anti-fascist scene, following their first "contact" with the pigs?

- "How is resistance possible inside prison?"

Cooperation in prison means for example to accept important workplaces, such as in the workshop or in the sanitary and so on... Exactly those kind

of jobs have to be refused, also the contact with the officials has to be avoided, beside the absolutely minimal one. Instead, the usage of your own "rights" and the communication of any kind of abuse, through an intensive work within the public sphere, might be contributing to a fully considerable confrontation inside and outside prisons.

Despite the usage of a wide spectrum of oppressive means – as of ones, intended to destroy your own personality – not all the ones willing to resist are being extirpated by the prisons of Berlin. The rage within the prison for young offenders, in Moabit (prison for the people awaiting trial in Berlin) and in Tegel is very big, but a lighting spark from the outside is missing.

- "Are you aware of how resistance is looking like in other countries?"

In Greece or Spain the level of political consciousness and of resistance within prisons is much higher, also because many actions of solidarity are happening on the outside, actions that here are almost unimaginable. Surely, also in Greece no prisoner is being released because a bank has been bombed in his/her name, but these kind of actions are contributing in making the prisoners collective consciousness stronger, as well as of their supporters and of all the movement. Absolutely fatal would be leaving the resistance within prisons to our enemies, who gather around the Neo-Nazi singer from the band "Landser", Michael Regner. The solidarity demo done by the Nazis at the Tegel prison produced a structural increase of the Nazis here inside.

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See the "Repression & Reports" section for more information about the case of Christian S.

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Running away from the prison society



'Laws are made by the rich in order to exploit those who cannot respect them owing to brutal necessity' (B. Brecht).

This article was written anonymously by a writer living in clandestinity. It is but one text from a larger booklet called "Incognito", which was written by people living on the run from the law. It is published by 'Elephant Editions'. The full text of this booklet is also available on our website : 325collective.com

The repressive system is evolving. Like any sector of the big market that society has become, it is testing new methods to control individuals and subject them to its needs.

New measures of control have been introduced in addition to jail as such, measures that simplify the problem of overcrowded prisons and allow those who govern our destiny to earn a lot of money. House arrest, for example, is a good investment: not only does the prisoner manage his own detention, but an impression of democratic repression is also given. And what about the electronic bracelets that are applied to the ankles as though people were guinea pigs? These bracelets are provided by specialised companies, so new jobs are introduced. Why don't they call them anklecuffs? Maybe the sentence 'You are obliged to wear anklecuffs' doesn't sound good in court.

Prisons exist everywhere in our society and invest all aspects of life. Aren't certain factories and offices where you sell your time to get what you need to keep on suffering and producing, real prisons? Aren't the structures of schools and universities where exploiters and exploited are formed rather than people, real prisons? And what about hospitals, where you go to die of cancer after a stressful

meaningless life; what about rehabilitation centres, where new methods of rehabilitation back into the productive system are tested? And what are the concrete cubes called houses, where people swear; what are the slums where people enjoy their recreational hour; what are the supermarkets where you can buy the rubbish that you produce; and what about the streets where people die like flies?

Aren't those who are compelled to work for a miserable wage prisoners? Aren't the idiots who perform in programmes like 'Big Brother' their own jailers? Aren't all those who morbidly watch the exasperating monotony of such programmes also jailers of themselves? Prisoners in a world where the only freedom is the amount you have in your bank account. By creating more and more efficient networks of control and using more and more sophisticated instruments, dominion has penetrated all intimacy and turned all the places where people are forced to live into prisons.

More than 50,000 people are taken to prison every year in Italy alone, prisons with bars and guards, where torture is constantly practised and beatings are the normal procedure. Prisoners submitted to the 41bis regime in Italy and the FIES regime in Spain know all about that. Most prisoners have committed crimes against property or related to drug trafficking. Most are immigrants from lands where western colonisation has left nothing but misery.

I will never have any respect for a society whose aims are profit and war, and that locks up those who don't accept it. When I heard that they wanted to lock me up I had no doubts: in the face of the certitude of reclusion I preferred to run away. It was an instinctive choice; a choice that implied being taken away from what my life had been until then but also the satisfaction of not being caught by the inquisitors. The life of a fugitive is like that

of an incognito prisoner inside the big prison that is society. I can't say whether running away is better than being in an official prison or worse than being in the prison-society. I've never been in jail but I know the alienation and mediocrity of life when you are exploited very well. They are different aspects of the same problem: that of not being free. I will never be free so long as exploitation, prisons, and all kinds of property and authority exist, as they are the main causes of social inequality.

Far be it from me to idealise the condition of clandestinity as a winning formula for insurrection, but I cannot help pointing out its positive aspects. If you must face a prison cell, it is worth trying this adventure, which will also give you the possibility of discovering the chances that life as fugitive can offer and the importance that this experience can have in a revolutionary perspective. It is also a question of principle. Your character and tensions play the most important role when it comes to making such a decision. In fact, it is better to stay at home and wait for events to overcome you rather than become a prisoner of fear and of yourself. For me this is a journey on the fringes of society during which I've tried, not always successfully, to hide myself the least possible and to keep my own individualism/identity even if I had to hide my story and my past. I'm not scared about not knowing where I'm going to put my sleeping bag tomorrow. I've always had a nomadic spirit and travelling was my school, and the journey I'm making now is by far the most interesting and authentic one. It is the journey that has taught me how to find new equilibriums even if I had to keep moving. And, although with great difficulty, it has taught me to remain an individual who struggles and not become a shadow hugging a wall. The choice of being a fugitive implies that you have to leave all public life, all relations with friends and relatives forever and adopt a continuous tension and attention in what you say and do. It is a choice that should be considered carefully before being undertaken, a choice that brings thousands of contradictions in itself but, if faced with awareness and without

falling into paranoia, it can keep your senses well alive and strengthen your capacity to adapt to any circumstances. You start looking at the country in a different way, you discover a new world when you pick up a map in your hands, geography becomes a science that leads you to consider territory as something global, to think beyond borders, to look beyond forced passages and find ancient ones. It is a choice that transforms your relations with others and with your daily life, often in a disagreeable way. For example, when you meet someone you know, you risk putting him/her in trouble, and when you ask him/her a favour you have the impression that you are putting him/her up against the wall. By contrast, solid relations, the deep ones in which complicity is spontaneous, become more concrete and passionate.

Making friends without telling the truth is not easy. It is your attitude and need for communication that will decide. To live on the run is not easy. Your way of speaking, strange behaviour and the lies you have to tell surround you with an air of mystery that could be interpreted negatively. Everyone has a dear friend whom they trust completely, and that way everybody gets to know everything. Discretion is a virtue that is getting more and more rare.

I think that the safest way is to keep moving continuously so that your enemy has very little chance of locating you. You absolutely must avoid telephone calls to relatives and friends, visits and letters addressed to known places. In fact, investigators turn their attention precisely on to these people because they know that you will naturally feel like listening to the voice of a loved one and letting him/her know that you are all right. You have to bear in mind that there are at least two cops on all long distance trains and that there are police stations in all the big railway stations. You have also to know that if you are too untidy or too flashily dressed you will attract attention. The total militarization of the country

compels you to find spots where you can move about, the weak links of the net through which you can pass unobserved, to see which hours of the day are more convenient and which are the most convenient places to spend the night. It is not at all nice to be hunted down, and it is even worse to know that the repression also and mainly concerns the people you love.



Living in hiding, however, even if done with dignity, is still only one side of the coin. The other, the thought of your imprisoned comrades being submitted to humiliation and violence, cannot be forgotten.

Living in hiding is a challenge, an occasion to test your ideas out, a choice that leads you into a life full of emotions, a reckless life that can be very sad at times, as all choices are. Living in hiding is like making a gamble, day after day, a gamble on your present because your future is a dark cloud, a series of miserable dates in your diary. At first you dream of cops and escapes, then you dream of visiting friends and turning up in your usual bar. In particular, I have to say that my dreams have changed and become terribly real. I often ask myself if

running away is still reasonable, then I realize that I will never want to enter a prison. I'll keep on running, as this is my nature, and I'll keep on cursing those who persecute me.

It is a choice that radically changes your way of life, your vision of life, your judgements about things and your feelings.

You become a bit hard and you can only express yourself freely on the rare occasions that you meet friends, but then time is always too short to discuss what's going on and what has changed. You have to content yourself with a reality seen through the eyes of others. I think that I could have many more possibilities if there had been a solidarity network and widespread discussion on the question of living in hiding. To offer space for discussion and real possibilities of surviving to those who are compelled to hide is in my opinion an essential part of any revolutionary experience. I think that the life of fugitives would be easier if reference points existed, as they are indispensable in order to keep in touch concerning any needs: information, legal questions, solidarity, money. I don't intend to put forward a proposal for the creation of any formal structure with fixed responsibilities in the long term, I am just thinking of a coordination of

individuals and groups that want to show their solidarity, or who already do that, to those who are hit by repression. I think that such a coordination could open gaps in the walls they are building around us, a coordination that takes into account relatives and friends of the persecuted, who are also hit by repression. And if the latter are sensitive to certain subjects, discussions could be suggested to help them understand repressive mechanisms better and get in touch with others in similar conditions and maybe create their 'own' way of organising solidarity. If you hide yourself too much, break off all contacts and disappear not only physically but also from your projects, then you definitely contribute to your own isolation. In this way you would be playing the same game as those who want to get rid of us. For this reason it is extremely important that if you are compelled to run away you keep on living with dignity and don't lose your chance to act or intervene in discussions.

As you have always done.



Letter of Christina Tonidou

On the morning of 13.09.2007, Christina Tonidou was set in pre-trial detention. In Greek law she can be held up to 18 months without a trial. She is charged with 2 felonies and 8 misdemeanours.

"As you all know I was arrested on the morning of 09-09-2007 during clashes with police who had stormed the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

What troubles me most is not the charges set against me (I believe I can cope with them) but my treatment by the police: They tried to take advantage of my low morale during my arrest and ever since they have been trying to get information on pretty much anything. To be honest, I would rather they kept to their usual tactics and their traditional way of handling detainees instead of the psychological warfare they have launched against me. In the former case they would at least show their true face.

I have a few words to say in regard to my political identity. First, we do not necessarily represent what we call ourselves to be. In other words we are not always what we claim to be, which is something shown in practice. Many considered themselves to be revolutionaries, but they were proven the opposite.

For me, to call oneself an anarchist requires some deep searching of the soul and a completion in all dimensions (ethical, spiritual etc).

However, if you judge (at least those who know me) that my actions can be described as anarchist, then do so. It is for certain that I hold anarchist ideas and I hope to keep doing so until I die, because this is some very strong feeling.

How you chose to act from this point on

is up to you. I hope that I make myself clear.
I would like to end with a message to those who hold authority, to those who doubted us, who did not take us seriously:

"We are a volcano under pressure and its lava is our rage. Woe betide them if the volcano explodes; the lava will overflow and burn everything".

My thanks to you all for your interest."

Christina Tonidou

12/09/2007

Detention Unit of the Police
Headquarters of Thessaloniki

Background:

Clashes at Helexpo, Thessaloniki

After Saturday 09/09/2007 midnight about 30-40 anarchists wearing hoods and helmets, some of them carrying a banner with a slogan against elections and forest arsons appeared signed with an "A" circled, attacked squads of riot-police and undercover policemen that moved inside the universities area. The youths repelled the police using molotov cocktails, fireworks, stones and sticks, while the police threw tear gas and CS gas and some flash grenades. The clashes were on for more than three hours. About three undercover policemen were injured (one of them

taken to a hospital) and one of their cars broken when trying to arrest some youths. They finally arrested one 19 years old girl outside the Aristotle University library.

Note 1: It is accustomed that city youths every year "welcome" the country's prime minister with riots against the "Helexpo" (a national scale event on commodities' exposition). This year though, police had taken over all roads around the university and Helexpo area so as to prevent any riots at this area. Furthermore, squads of 6-8 undercover policemen moved inside the university area for the last two days. They arrested in advance more than 20 "suspicious" persons.

Note 2: In Greece it is not usual for the police to go inside the universities since the students' insurrection of 1973 against the "junta", the military dictatorship, that was slaughtered by the police and the army. Since then police is allowed to intervene inside the university area only under certain cases according to the law. Though usually police holds back, this time police forces had almost taken over the university area.

Note 3: Marches programmed for the day were either cancelled from fear of any "provocation", or didn't manage or dare to move to the area the police had taken over.



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Anarchists clash with police in Saloniki, Greece

Interview with Anonymous Anarchist from Bialystok, Poland

– OK, can you introduce yourself and the groups that you are involved in?

Well, I'm ***** from Bialystok in Poland. I'm involved in Anti-Fa, which is a militant anti-fascist group, and I'm also involved in lots of anarchist projects, not in any sort of permanent organisation. Also I'm in Anarchist Black Cross Bialystok section.

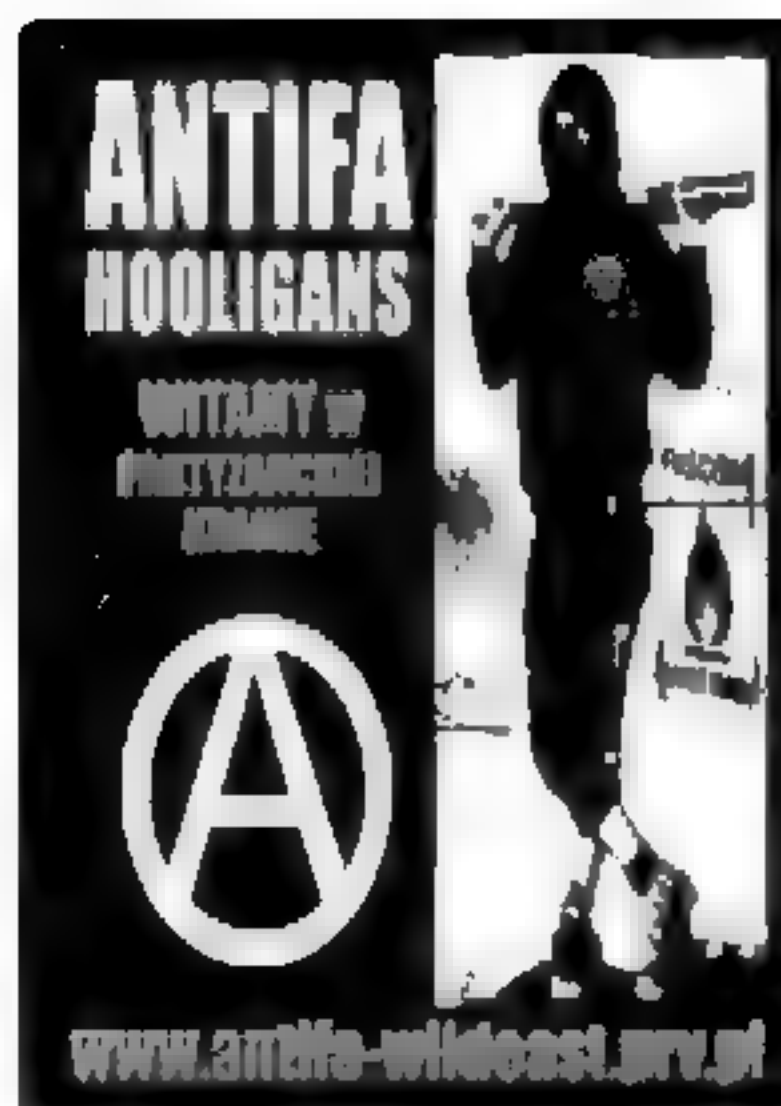
– And what type of activities do these groups engage in?

In respect to Anti-Fa I guess that we can talk about it later on, this is a bit of a longer subject, as for Anarchist Black Cross, it's like everywhere else; trying to support prisoners, raising awareness about prisons and basically trying to push the movement into a more general anti-prison critique and anti-prison direction, whilst trying not to be reformist about it - just abolish the prisons.

– And can you explain how you organise against the fascist groups in your city?

Ok yeah, right that is one of my main areas of activity, well, basically, we have a quite tight group which we treat as a sort of anarchist combat group to secure the streets for anarchist activity. We don't treat anti-fascism as an aim in itself, we don't treat it as some sort of ideology. I think it's really important to say this from the beginning, at least for 90% of us it's not ideology it's just part of being anarchist for some and way of life for others. .

Yeah, We just basically try to oppose fascists and Nazis wherever they go, wherever they appear. Just having this 'no platform' approach to them, like trying to stop any their meetings, any of their demonstrations. React to every attack of them, also and not only react to attacks, but also to do our own direct actions against them. So we are not trying to leave the initiative in their hands. So that is in a vague way how we organise.



– What is the situation with the anarchist & anti-fascist struggle in Poland generally and how does it collaborate with the struggle in neighbouring countries and internationally?

Well, it's hard to say what the situation is in general, because it really varies from city to city, like in some cities you got a really high level of anarchist activity and high level anti-fascist activity, in some places you don't have problems with Nazis and fascists at all, where as you've got really active anarchists groups in some places, in some places nothing is happening you know. In general, the anti-fascist movement is growing recently, like the proper militant anti-fascist movement, not the state "anti-fascists" like 'Searchlight'-type organisations, which I never counted as anti-fascists anyway. Well the whole Anti-Fa thing is growing and anarchist activity, too, but in some places it is disappearing completely, so it is hard really to say what the general picture is, but you know you get the feeling that there are more and more anarchists, but also it has to be said that due to Poland joining the European Union, lots of people just left the country. The situation was so bad for them economically that they just decided to leave, either they just stopped being active or they became active in other countries. I know there is a section of the Polish Anarchist Federation in Dublin for example, and there are some active people in Germany, United Kingdom and so on.

– OK, So how does Poland differ from being on the streets in UK, with all the CCTV, surveillance everywhere, everyone being tracked in their cars, a lot of police controls in the inner cities?

It's a completely different story, really different. Poland is basically, like for my city, Bialystok, it's like "Old-School" - type policing, so you would have like, really lots of cops on the streets, but we haven't got almost no CCTV in town. Like I think there is like 30 cameras or something like that in the whole city which is about 300,000 people, so it is nothing compared to the UK. Probably like that (30 cameras) is just enough for one street here, and so yeah you've got much more possibilities of doing direct actions, the cops are not so good at tracing people down, so you have lots of low level direct actions happening, which would be causing some trouble, but not being big enough for cops to involve proper surveillance methods against you. So with most things you do on the streets of Poland, basically if you're not caught red handed, that's it, you get away with that.

– And the fascists have much of a presence on the streets?

Oh, yes, this is another story that makes it really different from the UK, like say in my city you go on the streets is very likely you are going to meet a Nazi activist for example, Nazi skinheads properly dressed with fascist insignia on their arms and things like that. This is a situation in many, many, polish cities that there is a constant street presence of Nazis.

In some cities there is a constant street presence of Anti-Fa's as well and there you have conflict and escalation of conflict, and you know..

– What type of activities are the Nazis and fascist groups engaged in? How organised are they in terms of numbers, tactics, ideology and internationalism?

Well, I would say in terms of organisation for Polish fascist groups, not Nazi ones - First, the whole movement, far-right movement, divides roughly into two parts, which is National Socialist (Nazis) and National Radicals, which is Polish fascists, which is like being anti-German, anti-Semitic, Catholic. Which is also a very big difference between them and Nazis - because

Nazis would be pagan, or atheist or whatever, and the National Radicals would be really Catholic fundamentalists you know. It's the same shit, but this is important enough for your own understanding of the subject. Well, Nazis, apart from 'Blood and Honour' organisation, they don't have much international contacts and they are not really so organised politically, but more like really violent street gangs, with hints of ideology behind it, but not much. The fascist groups are moving into political actions like doing demonstrations, trying to spread propaganda, also because they are usually really bad street fighters as well you know, so they just choose what they are best with. Some fascist groups like 'Polish Common Youth' just basically are in parliament now, they realised the streets are not for them, you know they have been pushed out from the streets by anti-fascist resistance, and also there is the main party which is the 'League of Polish Families', which 'Polish Common Youth' is the youth organisation of this party, and they got some seats in parliament. So the more bright and flashy members of 'Polish Common Youth' might end up being fucking ministers or important people in the government. That is the difference between the two - Fascists are sort of better organised politically and Nazis are sort of more into street violence.

- How many Nazis are in Bialystok?

I don't know exactly, but, from our estimation, up to 15-20 members of 'Blood and Honour', which are not really active - apart from them being Nazis - and nothing is happening with them. Apart from 'Blood and Honour', you got 60-70 young Nazis, which are actually the biggest problem,

- How is their situation with the police?

Well, the old part of Nazis, the 'Blood and Honour' lot, they keep a really low profile, they organise one concert a year, the police have quite a lot of interest in them obviously. Basically because they are supposed to be really hardcore and things like that. To be honest these guys are involved in lots of fucking dodgy business - business which has nothing to do with ideology, like smuggling anabolic steroids or whatever, amphetamines, protection rackets, things like that you know. Fucking nasty pieces of

work some of these people, but they are basically a mafia, small level gangsters with a bit of ideology behind them. Yeah but the young ones recently started doing a bit too much activity so the cops had to react. The media started to write about recent acts of vandalism on the Jewish graveyards and the destruction of Jewish monuments in Bialystok and so on, so the cops had to do something, they couldn't pretend anymore that "oh, nothing is happening" on this issue. So they arrested some of these Nazis and because the Nazis are so stupid they couldn't even maintain a basic security culture quite a few were arrested.

- Do you think the extreme right has much support in the base population?

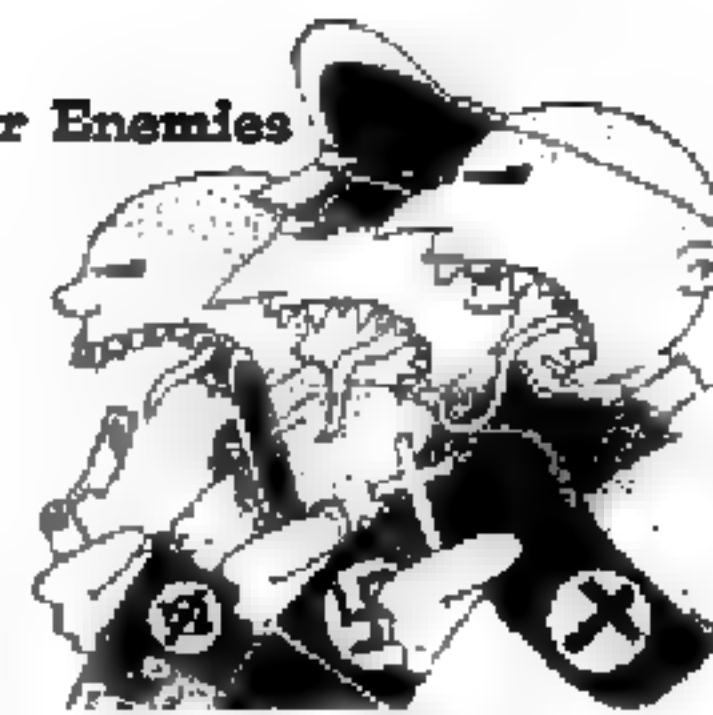
Well the Nazis definitely not. So called "normal people" would probably support some of their views, but the fact that they are Nazis doesn't make them very popular, among the general population, the whole "War" thing comes into place.

The Polish fascists have a bit more support because they are anti-German, and of course they are not Nazis at least. Some of their ideas have support in the Polish population, in general the people are very racist and very homophobic.

- Poland has got a traditionally Catholic establishment and there has been a lot of recent repression against homosexuals, can you talk about this and how it has been opposed?

Yes, it has been opposed.. there is a really, really big problem with homophobia in Poland and it is not only just "normal" people, but lots of politicians are openly homophobic, it gives a clear message to people on the streets that this is something that is widely acceptable, and it is widely accepted unfortunately. It's been opposed from the anarchists by some direct actions, basically whenever politicians of some political party would do something really homophobic, there would be some reprisals for that, like their offices being trashed or something like that - there is not much of it though.

Our Enemies



- Do you think reactionary attitudes are changing in Poland?

Yes, slowly, because lots of people are going abroad and meeting other cultures, other people, so it is slowly changing, but not as much as I would like to see.

- There is a big Polish community in UK, and there can be negative coverage in the right wing press against Polish workers - Have you ever suffered any racism or hostile behaviour based on your country of origin and what is your opinion of the no borders/ anti-fascist struggle here?

Well, starting with racism, not really, but I have had a few vaguely hostile reactions to the fact I am Polish, but you have to understand that we are white, you know, so this makes a big difference, we're not black, we're not Asian or Muslim. We are like the "acceptable" ones. I even read on some fucking fascist forum that "I would rather have 1000 Poles than 1000 Pakis", and this really shows their way of thinking. I have heard that in some places in UK it is really fucking hardcore you know, that people really hate Poles, but for me personally, no, not really any hostile reactions, but some not nice reactions, but not serious.

Yeah, anti-fascist / no border stuff- it is alright I guess, from what I observed. The No Border struggle is going in a good direction, and it is involving quite a lot of people. As for anti-fascist stuff, it is not such a big problem here, - the Nazis themselves - but I have a lot of respect for British anti-fascists, they have a really good history behind them, and every time they do something they do it really good, so yeah - Respect!

- And how is the experience of migrants in Poland, and how have anarchists acted in solidarity with them?

Well to be honest we don't have too many of them, like who the fuck

wants to go to Poland, you know? We have got quite a lot of people passing through Poland to places like Germany and so on, and sometimes they get caught by Polish border guards. Solidarity to tell of is practically non-existent really, the level of proper No Border / anti-racist struggle is really low in Poland, so yeah, apart from really general actions, anti-border actions, there has been not much going on. I know that in, for example - Warsaw, there are some migrant communities - really small ones, but there are already Vietnamese people, some Arab people and so on, and I know that some anarchists there have some contact with the Vietnamese community there. But these people are absolutely fucking terrified of the Vietnamese secret service hunting them, even in Poland, and you never know if the people you're speaking with are maybe like spies of the Communist service, you know. So, in this case it's quite a difficult situation you know.

Yeah, I mean, the only practical help and practical contacts were with the Chechnyan community which some anarchists from Krakow, from south of Poland, managed to organise a humanitarian convoy during the first war in Chechnya, which actually was the only convoy which ever got there. You know they managed to go through all blockades and bribe the soldiers on the way and so on, so they did actually manage to reach the Chechnyans with all the stuff they had and until now there is some co-operation going on between official Chechnya representation in Poland and Polish anarchists, but of course not only Polish anarchists. So, the whole Chechnyan issue is kind of, well I wouldn't say its big, but there is a Chechnyan issue in Poland, but there are people supporting them, there are people doing actions in favour of Chechnyans. But as for other communities, not yet.

- And are there many political prisoners in Poland, and how is the prison situation there?

Well, all prisoners are sort of political you know, so, but if you mean prisoners from the movement, because there are always people going in and out with short sentences, or relatively short sentences, but for long standing prisoners we've got Tomasz Wilkoszewski, the Anti-Fa prisoner that killed a Nazi skinhead about 11 years ago and he's still in prison for that, but apart from that, as I said, we always have people going in, coming out,

people serving half a year, 3 months, a year, whatever, you know.

- And is there any anti-fascist conflict from within the walls of the jail?

Not from the experience of my comrades who have been to jail, they say not really. First of all, Nazis keep very, very low profile in jails, unless they are really big, bad muthafuckers, you know? They keep really low profile, they are sort of really not liked by the prison subculture. They are really despised actually by the prison sub-culture, so if you're a Nazi in prison you'd rather keep a low profile. I mean I know of this Nazi guy from my city who came out of the prison and he used to have this tattoo of a swastika on his neck, and it was just all burnt after he went out and I know that it was the other prisoners that did it to him. And if you are an anti-fascist then basically you are not getting a hassle, unless you are like visibly punk rocker, because the prison sub-culture is really conservative against outsiders in general. So if you are a punk rocker you are in shit as well, you had better cut your mohawk and things like that. But there is nothing like an anti-fascist struggle inside the prison, no - everything ends behind bars.

- How about the ecological and animal liberation struggle? It's been reported that the Polish government wrote up an extensive blacklist of ecologists and environmental activists at the start of the recent Rospuda Valley ecological struggle.

(Rospuda Valley is an area of outstanding natural beauty and wilderness threatened by a Polish road building project. The EU has paused the project)

Well, on the animal liberation thing I don't want to say too much because I don't know that much about it. I know that there has been quite good animal liberation direct action movement years ago, well about 7-8 years ago, which for some reason sort of stopped. From time to time there are actions happening, but not really that much. As for ecological movement it is actually much better, and there's actually lots of people into non-violent direct action, but yeah, into direct action

like doing roadblocks and like, you know, squatting the forests where trees are about to be cut and building tree houses and all sorts of this like. I know some people are into more, underground, direct actions if things happen, you know. As for Rospuda valley, basically it's true that Polish government ordered police basically to make a blacklist of ecological activists, and police basically were ordered to use their secret informers, which means that they are going to pay people for delivering them information and so on. I mean these things have happened before, it's just that this time the information actually leaked to the press. The press managed to obtain a copy of the order which was clearly a big embarrassment for the government and the police, and a lot of cops were saying - oh yeah, we're not gonna do this order because this is non-democratic and we can't treat these people like the mafia and things like that - but it's all bullshit is what I think you know.

- Yep. Do you think the EU uses this issue of "democratic rights" to put Poland under greater pressure?

Yeah, well, hard to say really. I think this government in particular is, I



mean they know they're unpopular, so they really try to secure their position. Basically they're really, really repressive: much more than other governments were, because they're never sure of their position...

- The Law and Justice Party?

Yeah, the Law and Justice, I mean the fucking name says it all, you know, and they just try to smash any opposition, both like legal ones in government (and elsewhere), they throw around all sorts of scandals

and things like that. You see that everybody that is against them at some point is a main person involved in some scandal. I mean, for sure, lots of these people are not fucking innocent- they are scum- but it just shows how it works: as long as you are with us, we are covering you, but if you say something against us, suddenly you will be, properly persecuted for all the things you did. Whereas before every politician knew, they were like, you know, nobody will do anything to them. *(Since we made this interview the Law & Justice government collapsed and gave way to a neo-liberal party on a civic reform platform.)*

– And what about these plans to build US missile bases in Poland as part of the Shield War Defense Project? This irritated the Russian state a great deal. What is the general reaction in



Poland to the planned missile bases and do you think there will be any significant opposition?

Well, I hope there will be! As you know, in Russia lots of people are really against this. Really the majority of people are basically against it. It is the only problem of Polish people that they are usually quite apathetic, you know. They would say that they are against, but they wouldn't do much either. But the government is so afraid of people supporting against this plan that they don't even want to get this case through the parliament, for all that they've got a majority in parliament, they don't even want to do that. They just say that basically they negotiate with the United States and, I mean it's hard to even say it is negotiation, like they are going to pay for Americans to put their bases in Poland. I mean this is the worst case of arse licking I have ever seen in my life. Even if you are coming from a clearly non-anarchist perspective. Clearly- whatever, even if

you have a patriotic, nationalistic stance, you should be able to negotiate something for yourself if you're putting American rockets in your country, and they are getting fuck all. They are paying, actually, Americans to put American bases in Poland that will protect interests of USA; this is just like, you know... just horrible! But some people are really trying to organise some protests, and there have been quite a lot of awareness raising actions, and in one part there is anarchists with more radical critique of the whole thing, and on the other part you've got some more reformist organisations- socialists, whatever- even fucking Polish fascists are involved in that, basically demanding what you call a referendum- like a popular vote, whether this installation should be in Poland or not. And they're gathering signatures on a petition, basically according to Polish law if you get 100,000 signatures it has to go for popular vote. So, I dunno, I'm usually completely against this stuff, but I don't know, in this respect I think it might work- or not- I don't know. I really hope that something will happen about it. Like our anarchist collective from Białystok also did things like banner drops, spread shit loads of leaflets around the city about it, so people are pretty much aware of what is happening.

– What are your thoughts about the breakdown of Soviet communism in Eastern Europe and your experience? And do you think that the anarchist struggle is going to benefit from this collapse?

Well, it is benefiting from the collapse. But to start from the beginning where I was a really young boy when it collapsed, I still remember the Russian army withdrawing from Poland and things like that, so, yeah, I think it's been quite a good moment, lots of basic things improved in life, and there was no more censorship in papers, and in TV, things like that. At least no more obvious censorship. There was a bit of freedom, but then of course politicians sorted things out so people don't feel too free. But yeah, anarchist movement definitely benefited from breakdown of Soviet Union by the fact that we could just do more

things. Especially in this, I remember talking to comrades who were active in this time already, I remember that people could do shit loads of stuff just after break of communist regime because cops wouldn't know what to do, they were completely confused. They didn't know which authority would be the next one to give them orders so they were really, really afraid to arrest people for political things. Up to the point where you could go out and paint slogans on the walls in front of cops, and this is like the experience of people from all over Poland, that cops would be so fucking confused that they wouldn't arrest people for painting things in front of them. But I think the momentum was sort of lost, there was no continuation of this radical, active wave just after the break-up of communism. But yeah, at the end of the day I think we did benefit from this, because as a matter of fact authority got much weaker you know, it's a fact - we're not living in a totalitarian state anymore. It's becoming also authoritarian again, you know, but it's still very far from the control that the communist government had over the population.

– And the EU?!

Oh well, you know of course there are some good points to it. I would be a liar if I would say it's all shit 100%. You can go to work in another country and get more money, to get money which is worth more when you come back to Poland and so on. There is a bit more freedom of movement for us, whereas before I wouldn't be able to come to UK because I would need a visa and it was really hard to pass through the border and all this shit. We were hassled basically on every European border you know. As Polish people and so we're presumed to be smuggling things and so on. Yes but this is, I think the only good thing that I see for the majority of people, there are lots of bad things that aren't maybe so obvious for the normal person. Basically the whole repression techniques are really advancing thanks to European Union and all expanded border control issues, and we are becoming... no, we became, part of the Police State Europe, that's it, you know?

– Many people reading this interview will be aware of the Berlin based English language Eastern European anarchist paper - "Abolishing Borders from Below". What are the publications coming directly from Poland that you think are successful projects?



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SOCIAL CONTROL ALWAYS NEEDS YOU

Perspective from a "Black Bloc" Participant of the "Atlantica" Riot

Saturday, June 23 2007: I'm writing this account to try and capture some of the beauty I experienced in the streets of Halifax that corporate and indymedia can't seem to articulate. Corporate press is calling us violent criminals while indymedia is focusing on the arrests and not so shocking brutality of the police. Neither show the brief period where people took their lives back and stepped out of the accepted norms of dissent.

On June 15th a few friends and I who had formed an affinity group went to the starting rally to join others who came to act as a bloc. I chose to act in a bloc so that I could remain anonymous and have relative safety to engage the state and its proposed freed trade initiative.

The Black Bloc also made it so we could show a strong visual presence and put our anarchist politics front and center and not hide our real dreams of a new world. At the rally I was met by seventy others who chose to act in a bloc under the banner "G8 to Atlantica: Resistance is Global".

The mood was tense as we began to march through the downtown streets cops on either side of the bloc as we passed through Halifax's main shopping district without incident. At one point the whole march paused briefly and from the bloc you could hear "We are! We are! We are beautiful together, we are powerful together" being shouted. As the march approached Parade Square the end point of the demo you could feel the excitement as the bloc prepared to



split off and head to the convention center. Half a block before the split garbage bags were removed that were hiding shields made from garbage can lids and people removed flags from sticks and readied projectiles to be used against whatever tried to stop our dissent. Just as the bloc started to split a group of folks threw down the banner and started to run up hill towards the convention center. The rest of the bloc shouted for people not to run and stay together, this set the mood for the rest of the march.

As our bloc got reformed we approached the scattered line of cops guarding the convention center and a smoke bomb was thrown at their line and a cop van was hit with paint.

bombs as it drove from behind through the bloc. A group at the front carrying shields started advancing at the cops but the rest of the bloc was hesitant (It was found out later people thought the smoke bomb was teargas) so those at the front turned around and started marching back to the shopping district we marched through earlier. On our way back corporate media was targeted with paint bombs and shouted at for their lies and misrepresentation of the effects of free trade policies. Our bloc was not there to be a media spectacle but to empower people and inspire action.

Once entering the shopping district a bloc participant stepped out from the crowd and splattered the front window of a police van in paint, this is when things got

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There are a few publications, but they are not in English though. There is one called 'Another World' which would be the translation in English, and this is a really successful one, a really good anarchist magazine, with a glossy cover and things like that, it is going on for years already and has shit loads of interesting stuff, and the anarchists from Poland make a really good bulletin of their anarchist library, which is basically a bit like 'Kate Sharpley Library' bulletin: they just make it more like a book, like once a year, with really interesting stuff and besides there are lots of other smaller papers going out, but I think mainly 'Another World' and bulletins of Anarchist Black Cross are really, really good projects that are still going on. There were some papers that stopped year ago or two years

ago that were really worth mentioning as well, but they're gone.

– Do you think that the large numbers of Polish people which have migrated to other countries will be of positive benefit for the Polish anarchist movement in future as some of them return?

I don't think so, no, I don't think so, because you see the anarchists they were traveling a lot already before joining the European Union, so it didn't change that much for us, we were actually the most mobile lot always, so, no, I'm not always

fooling myself about lots of positive energy coming from people there.

– And any last words or anything you would like to say, or add?

I don't know. Thanks for interview.



Letter from Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis

Giorgos Voutsis-Vogiatzis was arrested after a bank robbery in Athens, Greece, in October 2007.

"Now that they've all shut their mouths, let's talk about choices

"...Many of us died or were taken prisoner along the way; many others were wounded and permanently put out of action; and certain elements even let themselves slip into the background because of their lack of courage; but I believe I can say that our formation as a whole never wavered until it plunged into the very core of destruction."

To attack the modern institutions of repression and exploitation, it takes -first of all- to refuse the mass production of consciences that this world gives birth to. Authority no more stands for a privileged technique of administration, held fast in the net of a minority elite. It is a pervasive social relationship that finds its expression in every aspect of every day life. The transmutation of social antagonism has inevitably created the necessity for the refabrication and the sophistication of the old terms of repression. This process did not appear out of the blue, nor was it simply forced by physical violence. Social relations have been shaped over the course of decades spent inside the social factory; they have plenty of their own keywords. Integration, "morality", homogeneity, "proper citizenship". That's the way the bosses manufactured the managers and their supervisors, the modern class to bridge the gap that were named syndicalists as well as, of course, the obedient worker, who, having broken -at last- the chainsaws of mass production, is now able to afford his own proper handcuffs. They created volunteers to raise the vision of "Great Greece". Unpaid submissive people who named their voluntary servitude "giving back to society". Social groups working for the maintenance of the existent repression and exploitation that now act the role of shock absorbers contributing to the global attack of the rulers.

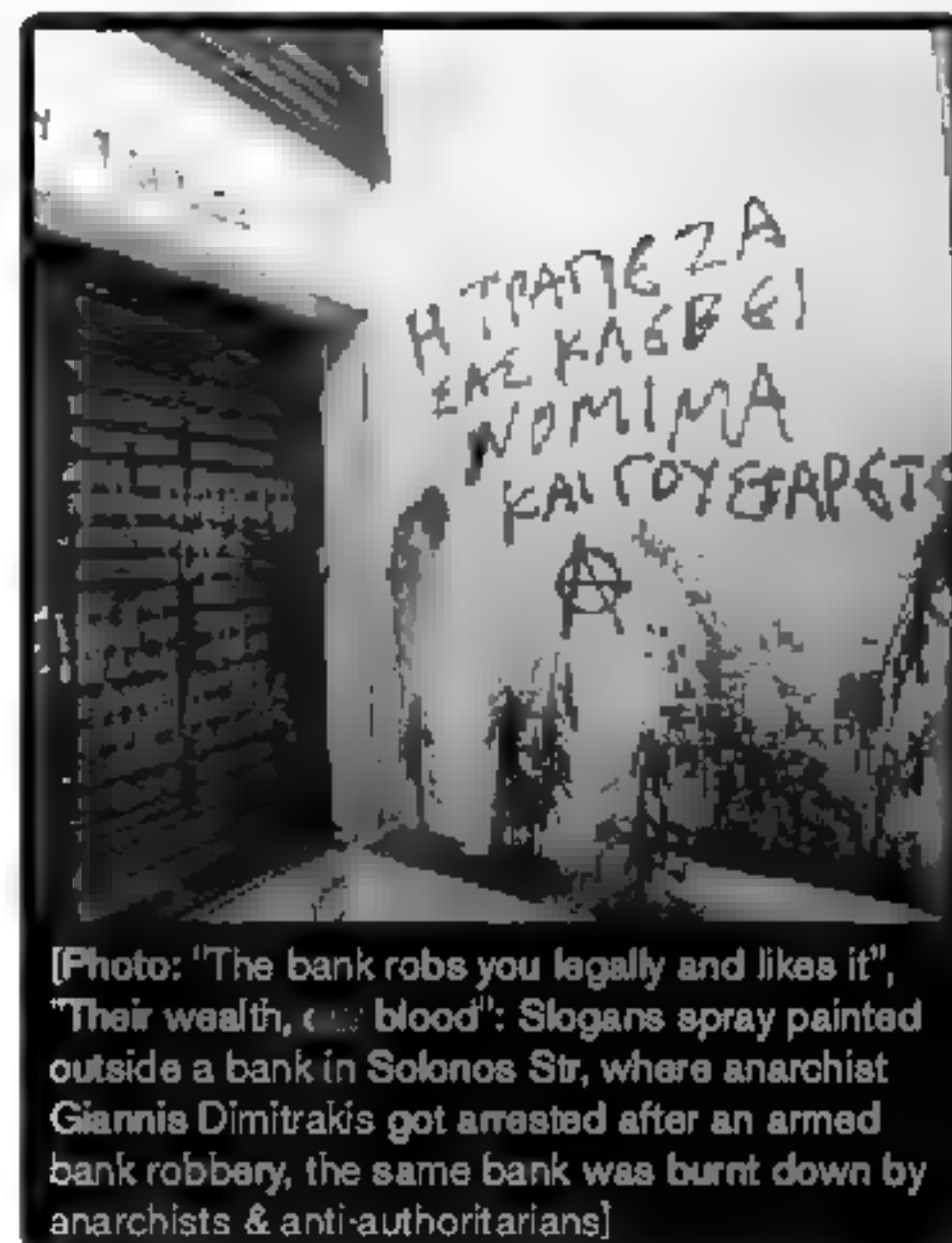
Organisations (i.e. the N.G.O.s) created out of democracy's need to show a

humanitarian public image. Based on non-violence and charity they are busily preparing the cemeteries for tomorrow's casualties on their battlefields of democracy. They maintain the modern work camps in the third-world countries. Factories of misery, where the slaves of economy build the glass window of western civilization, as well as the consent of the modern schizo-proletariat, transforming its class conscience into consumerist conscience.

The "proper citizens", the armed heroes of the greek democracy constitute the modern expression of law and order. They participate actively in volunteer work in security projects, they inform the police on suspicious figures and even attack delinquents themselves. They get their little awards from the police for their achievements and feel proud. The demand for security is not an imposed convention anymore. It is a social instinct. A pervasive militarized demand for the merciless defence of property. The cops are not the only ones in uniforms. This world's morality wears a uniform too, and has enlisted with vigor on the side of the bosses.

On 3-10-2007 I robbed the ETE (Ethniki) bank on Gyzi Street. On my way out, about 1,5 minute after the robbery and once I got on my bicycle, I noticed a passerby crossing Ragkavi Street not far from where I was (a street parallel to the one I was on), who was heading towards me. After a short dialogue and while I was still on my bicycle, this passerby turned into a "hero" and kicked my bicycle resulting to its crashing with a passing car, and me falling down, on the pavement. From that point on alarm sirens were blasting all around me...

My choice to rob a bank constitutes a point in my way to negation. Guerilla attacks to the enemy's wealth under by acts of expropriation uphold a perpetual



[Photo: "The bank robs you legally and likes it", "Their wealth, our blood": Slogans spray painted outside a bank in Solonos Str, where anarchist Giannis Dimitrakis got arrested after an armed bank robbery, the same bank was burnt down by anarchists & anti-authoritarians]

choice of attack, historically consistent to the history of negation. Consistency has to move with a military step between thinking and acting. Rioters, robbers, arsonists, they are all detonators to set off the same war. The negation of work is a partial negation of the economy and its world. Wage labour is an alienated process producing inequalities, based upon one's exploitation by another. It is the commercialization of humanity's natural urge for creation and its integration in the social factory of alienated relations. Alienated work has its own ethics of submission. Legality, the boss-model, career.

Where do you work? How much do you earn? When do you get a day-off?

Questions to inquire the subject's social status. Alienated work manages and organizes also leisure/spare time, that is equally modified by the work status that enslaves it (weekend, holidays, days off). In reality, alienated work defines our whole existence. Our every day chat: *How was work? When do you get paid?* Our mood: *I'm dead-tired today, not in a mood for anything, I have to wake up early in the morning.* We can finally see how exactly the deep meaning of time is in great degree shaped upon the world of labor and the needs of the economy. The immaterial dimension of time takes on a material expression modified by the schedule of our every day captivity. Robbing an economic mechanism of captivity is not the only choice to realize negation to work. But even attacks

against economic targets constitute a radical suggestion of organization and struggle, which jumpstarts the project for the destruction of work.

I will say it again: the negation of work constitutes a partial negation of economy and its world. For example: the expropriation of commodities (from bookstores, super markets) constitutes a kind of negation of consumption, though not a total attack on economy. Robbing a bank is a way of negating work, but is not a total attack on capitalism. If the end justify anything, it's not the means, but the choices developed for action. The means follow the decision to act. They are dialectically related to the project. They are shaped inside it, but don't shape it. My decision to rob the ETE bank at Gyzi was not a vindictive, fortuitous attempt based on the weapons I possessed, but a point in my way to a total negation of this world. A way with no final destination, but with many intermediate points. Many as the guns a revolutionary possesses at his arsenal. So, if there is anything we need to take back, it is personal consciousness. Or else, everything mass-based and

collective is doomed to reproduce the simultaneous defeat of our consciousness, that will turn into the new defeated masses of our era.

Hostilities continue.

Georgos Voulas-Vogiatzis

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Instead of a P.S - The identity of a person is not defined by its surname, but by the way and the choices that are of his own. We know however that when the cameras are smashed and the informants of the lie are beaten up mercilessly a timer begins ticking, measuring a reverse reality. Those that have slandered and pillaged my "personal data" will soon find me in front of them. In any action of solidarity, I wish all mentions of my name to include both my surnames.

Some actions of solidarity

(October-November 2007):

12 October: Arson attacks against two banks at Zografou (Athens)

13 October: Arson attack against the offices of the deputy minister of education (Athens)

16 October: Arson attack against an ETE bank in the city center and a ruling party office at Evosmos (Thessaloniki)

18 October: Arson attack against an ETE bank and a ruling party office at Nea Krini (Thessaloniki)

5 November: Broken glass windows and damages at the ETE bank in Exarchia, at Eurobank on Solonos Str. and at the Union of Greek Banks, on Massalias Str. (Athens)

Giorgos will be held for up to 18 months before jury in Korydallos' Prison, Athens.

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started. We kept moving and the next target was TD Bank which lost three windows as it was hit with rocks and paint bombs. We continued until we came to an intersection where BMO (Bank of Montreal sponsor of the Atlantica initiative) was hit with a paint bomb and then the police reacted and attacked the crowd. The bloc could have pushed through this attack which was unorganized and outnumbered but people retreated and turned around down the street marching the way we just came. As we marched back TD Bank lost another window and was hit with more paint. We continued on for half a block but then a small split in the bloc happened as some turned around

again towards police who had made arrests while others encouraged the crowd to keep moving as the police were gaining the upper hand. This is the point when police moved in and clashes erupted as people de-arrested their friends and fought to escape arrest. I can't comment on the rest of the march because at this point I became isolated and needed to make my escape but I can say the bloc made one final paint bomb attack on the hotel where delegates were staying before being dispersed.

At the end of the day twenty one people had been arrested and one block member and two police sustained serious injuries. I've heard much criticism about what took place some justified and some not but I still left that action feeling more empowered than I've been in a long time and hope others are too. The Black Bloc that took place during that action was unprecedented for Halifax and much of Canada and I hope it's a sign that

people's frustration with pointless marches where we shout demands at empty buildings and politicians who don't give a fuck has come to a boiling point.

Our planet is dying, Indigenous land is being stolen, state repression increasingly present and destructive trade concepts like "Atlantica" are being pushed through with ease. In North America we can no longer sit idly by or be counted as numbers in the streets while our comrades across the globe directly confront the state and global capitalism. It is time to step up and confront this system whether that be in the militant street actions that took place in Halifax and Germany this summer or in the dead of the night when they least expect us.

Freedom, Love, Anarchy.

Anonymous

Notes: 'Atlantica: International Northeast Economic Region' is the name of a neo-liberal trade entity that creates a freemarket area covering Canada and USA.



ANTI-COLONIAL STRUGGLE IN CANADA ★

The Winter Olympics of 2010 will see the walls, fences and borders of capital raised (or hopefully "razed") for all in British Columbia, Canada to see. The Olympics is of course a corporate shitstorm that bludgeons wherever it goes, with increased surveillance, population profiling, gentrification and militarisation. The squalid rags and heroin brown of Vancouver's downtown eastside will be forcibly removed for the shining primary colours of the Olympic rings. Similarly the supposed brave and noble Olympic flame (reintroduced in 1936 as a symbol of the supreme Third Reich) will turn to extinguish the sacred fires of the remaining indigenous people. Yuppies will parade through stolen land and doctored streets, nursed by cameras, helicopters, pigs and a rapturous media. The Olympics is the next step in colonisation, the next step onto territories that were never ceded. That said, smashed windows, hijacked media spectacles and burning flags have already set the tone for the unofficial welcoming party.

"Sovereignty is defined as a 'supreme authority within a territory,' free from external control & dependence. This definition is used to describe the international relations between nations, which are seen as sovereign entities having total independence and control over a certain territory. A nation is often defined as a group sharing a common ethnicity, language, culture, history and territory. Today, terms such as country & state are also used to describe nations, but a nation is more correctly defined as a group of people, not a nation-state (which often contains many nations within its borders)." - ZIG ZAG 2007

Colonization, the destruction of indigenous nations, continues to exist as a historical footnote to Europe's gold tinted invasion of the Americas. The nation state of Canada exists as a colonial entity. It continues today the project that was started on first contact; that is the development of western civilization at the expense of the indigenous population. This project is almost completely unintelligible now. Wrapped and veiled in years of assimilation and cultural

appropriation, it masquerades behind every seemingly banal occurrence. Colonization has crossed every border into every nation and now it just goes deeper. The resource extraction companies dig deeper flanked by the recuperators who stoop even lower. I am writing this from the Coast Salish territories in so called British Columbia. This is the home of the Skwxwú7mesh (also known as Squamish), Tslil-waututh and Xwméthkwyiem people. This is un-ceded land, never surrendered but devastated by civilization's intrusion. Capital is relatively recent to the Coast Salish, 150 years at best. Young but unrelenting, it strikes deeper and deeper cuts into the land

As an anarchist I want to be in solidarity with autonomous indigenous struggle. I recognize the generalizations inherent in writing about North American Natives as Indigenous America has many, many tribes and families, histories and traditions. Similarly the idea of sovereignty amongst sovereignists is as contested as anarchism is amongst anarchists. Economic development is posited by some indigenous activists as a path to sovereignty. So when I refer to sovereignty I am referring to its most anti-authoritarian and autonomous incarnations. And of course when I refer to anarchists I am also referring to its most anti-authoritarian and autonomous incarnations.

Solidarity would mean extending their fight through my fight. It would reject the idea that Indians are victims and settlers are evil. It also would reject a blanket romanticisation of native resistance (a la Zapatism). It would recognise a common class enemy between anarchists and natives. The native struggle is a class struggle. A sovereign indigenous nation cannot exist within the spectre of the current world. It is eradicated or assimilated as an excluded class. It is the process of the proletarianization of indigenous people or the imposition upon them of Capital class structure. This inevitably creates class enemies within the indigenous populations, those that embrace this imposition at their gain and at the expense of their



community. The majority of natives now live on reservations (small land tracts of land the natives were forced onto when Europeans first invaded) or in poor urban areas. The reserves originally served to corral natives out of areas rich in resources and to fragment nations. Communication and therefore united resistance amongst the nations was made more difficult while settling non-natives became easier for the invaders. The reservation now is administrated by Band Councils. The Band council is government appointed and is ostensibly based on the idea of "self-governance" or more accurately "self-assimilation". The Band Council is the government masquerading as the native. And the government has one consistent position on Indian affairs and that is the progression and reproduction of itself at the expense of the excluded classes. The band council negotiates treaties that turn reservations into market commodities. It also has to be understood that conditions on the reservation are often compared with those of the Third World. Boil water advisories, rampant alcoholism, drug abuse, suicide, malnutrition, unemployment etc etc... All of societies ills concentrated in one place. A native police force, who like all pigs in all places dutifully destroy communities in the name of the law, police the reservation. All the while non-profits, leftist political organizations, reform groups, environmental protection agencies and power hungry personalities fall over themselves to "represent" indigenous communities... Outside the reservation the existent system forces a racist agenda upon settlers. Be it white guilt or white

hate, capital is parading victorious in the background. The excluded classes remain ignorant to their revolutionary potential.

"Canada's native communities represent a 'tinderbox' full of restless native youths ready to explode in violence if progress isn't made in treaty talks" - Junior Minister for Indian Affairs Stephen Owen Vancouver Sun Feb 5/02

The first incursions into British Columbia were in the mid 1800s. Colonization was met with fierce resistance until the 1890s when the indigenous insurgency was overwhelmed and remained considerably weakened (connected to the utter destruction of traditional life and the forced removal of children from their families and imprisonment in residential schools where they were beaten, abused and murdered and their culture completely eradicated) until the late sixties when inspired by the American Indian Movement in the States, NARP and other indigenous resistance movements, Native insurgency was revived. There were occupations of Indian Affairs offices and armed highway blockades. An AIM supported blockade on a highway in Cache Creek protested the abysmal conditions on the reservation there and tolled motorists in order to improve conditions. Natives in Vancouver began to band together to stop police brutality and provide support for one another. 1990 was the year of the Oka "Crisis", an armed standoff on the Kanehsatake reserve in "Quebec" between the Canadian army and armed Mohawk warriors who were defending their land from the expansion of a golf course. The state laid siege to the warriors for 77 days after a pig was shot dead in an initial Surete du Quebec incursion onto the land. The days of the Oka Crisis are particularly inspirational because of the solidarity it inspired across Canada. Burning bridges, toppled hydro towers and highway blockades characterized the solidarity action and this threat ultimately prevented the state from using lethal force to overcome the warriors (the warriors eventually burnt their weapons and walked away from the blockade but never surrendered). In BC the Lil'wat nation erected a road blockade in solidarity with Mohawks and as an assertion of their own sovereignty to attack resource extraction in their territory. 50 people were arrested at this blockade four months later. Secwepemc people blockaded a road at Adams Lake. Five years later in 95 another blockade against the development on burial grounds saw the Adams River bridge burnt down. Later that year Secwepemc traditionalists mounted an armed defence of their Sundance at Ts'peten (Gustatsen Lake). Again the Canadian state mobilized ■ highly technologised counter insurgency attack on native warriors. The state fired over 70,000 rounds of ammunition but no

one was injured. A Secwepemc warrior immobilized an APC with a bullet. 13 Secwepemc people charged over this resistance, many went to jail with one elder, Wolverine, serving 4 years. Recent Secwepemc resistance has been directed towards the Sun Peaks ski resort development.

"Sun Peaks has destroyed Sweat Lodges, demolished Secwepemc homes, charged Secwepemc with Trespassing at Skwel'kwel'welt and forced RCMP to arrest Secwepemc Elders. This Terrorism continues to our land everyday. Clean mountain water, moose, deer, game, medicines, other Secwepemc food is being destroyed. Sun Peaks is moving past the boundary of the resort into untouched, sensitive high alpine eco-systems" -

SKWELKWEK'WELT NOT SUN PEAKS CALL OUT

Another ski resort development has been so far halted by a St'at'imc Nation land reoccupation camp. On the coast, Cheam natives are in constant struggle to fish the way their ancestors fished. 36 Cheam and Musqueam natives were charged in August for breaching a sockeye salmon fishing ban. The natives are using traditional fishing techniques and rightfully chose to ignore a government on stolen land that tries to impose fishing bans on them because their industrial complex has depleted fish stocks. The Cheam band are also in conflict with logging operations and another ski-resort development.

Meanwhile in Vancouver preparations are well under way for the 2010 Olympics. Spray painted boldly on almost every block is the ominous threat "RIOT 2010" and recently "RIOT 2010? WHY WAIT! RIOT NOW". On Halloween night a million dollar bus was attacked and burnt out on the yupified Commercial Drive. Media reports the next day showed the torched vehicle with "RIOT NOW!" clearly daubed on its

exterior. Although not necessarily linked with the Olympics, this seemed to be a clear rejection of the increased militarisation of Vancouver, not least transit security. This follows on from prior disruptions of official Olympic preparations. Earlier in the year a giant Olympic flag was stolen by the Native Warrior Society and claimed in honour of Pacheedaht elder Harriet Nahanee, who died of pneumonia after spending time in provincial jail for protesting the expansion of the Sea to Sky Highway, an integral part of the Olympic infrastructure (in June 2006, \$50,000 worth of damage was done to the same highway development). The flag was stolen in March a month after protesters disrupted two Olympic Media spectacles- the unveiling of an Olympic countdown clock was thrown into disarray when a masked native stormed the stage and shouted into the microphone "FUCK 2010! FUCK YOUR CORPORATE CIRCUS". The Olympics was once again cited in urban unrest when anarchists attacked banks in Ottawa and Vancouver. The communiqué from Vancouver read

"This action was done in solidarity with anarchists Gabriel Pombo de Silva, Jose Fernandez Delgado, Marcos Camenisch, who were on hunger strike in European prisons. As well as to contribute to the actions taking place worldwide on this international day of action.

"RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) was hit because it is a bank. A fundamental institution which reproduces Capital. The very system (at the service and profit of a bunch of vultures) that exploits people world-wide and destroys life in general; as it simultaneously creates spectacular events of repression. Such as the 2010 Olympics, which is conveniently sponsored by RBC" - Communiqué September 30th

Anarchists squatted a building in solidarity with the Spanish anarchists and also as an attack on the gentrification and speculation rampaging their neighbourhoods. A speculation boom spurred on by Olympic fever has decimated the city; empty buildings don't last long anymore and are usually replaced by gated condos for the included classes. The Downtown Eastside has been particularly affected. The DTES is the only segment of Vancouver that by default defies the spatial and social control programs necessitated for a modern city. The inadaptably misfits and homeless (a large part of whom are native) of Vancouver are forced into these few blocks. A complex black market thrives, mostly comprised of crack and smack trade, but the hustle around the





downtown is the closest thing Vancouver has to a community. People are on the street all day every day and come together somewhat to overcome the misery that surrounds them. Meanwhile posh exclusive art galleries and coffee houses creep into these blocks, preceded by police crackdowns and liberal solutions to the "problems" of homelessness. Crack, junk and welfare are usually the main concerns downtown but occasionally it becomes secondary to social revolt. In 2002, the Woodward's squat was opened. What began as an activist civic pressure action (media stunt squatting ■ a common tactic amongst reformist anti-poverty groups in Canada) quickly evolved into an inspirational rupture with everyday downtown life. It was clear to the squatters the link between gentrification and the Olympics. They hung a banner that read "Campbells Olympic Shame" (Gordon Campbell being the BC premier who campaigned for the staging of the games ■ BC). The Woodward's squat was forcibly evicted but ■ slew of squatted "tent cities" and secret squats have sprung up around the downtown since.

The expansion and sustenance of the city is undeniably linked to the continued resource extraction from the surrounding rural areas. In August of August of this year a group of Tahltan and Iskut Natives in North Western BC blockaded ■ road preventing Shell from carrying out repairs to a service road that leads to its coal bed methane explorations. Similar protests had halted Shell in 2005 and 2006 and 13 people were arrested at ■ blockade against Fortune Minerals which has coal interests in that territory. Resource extraction has been met with native resistance all over Canada. Recently a prominent warrior in the fight against uranium mining has found himself facing the full weight of the industrial state complex.

John Graham a Tutchone Nation warrior and Vancouver resident, was extradited from Canada to the US where he is framed with killing his friend and fellow warrior Anna Mae Pictou Aquash. He was

being held in the North Fraser Pretrial centre and is now locked up in Rapid City where he will face trial on June 17th 2008. Anna Mae was murdered in the mid 70s against the background of the FBI's attempted annihilation of the American Indian Movement. Anna

Mae was one of over 60 people executed on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota in the years surrounding the armed standoff at Wounded Knee and the shoot-out at Oglala. Those murders, commonly referred to as the "reign of terror", were directed by then band council chief Dick Wilson, who had assembled a private army trained in paramilitary tactics and armed by the FBI. There is no evidence against John save a drug induced statement by the fellow defendant in the case, Arlo Looking Cloud (who has retracted his statement but is now serving life for first degree murder) and the allegations of former leaders of AIM. So far John Trudell is the only former AIM leader to have participated in court proceedings against John but Russell Means and Robert Robideau have all made allegations against John. John ■ the latest target of the COINTELPRO



operation against Indian country. Although no evidence exists against John he will face the same kangaroo court set up that sent Leonard Peltier down for two consecutive life sentences on no evidence.

John is supported by a group of Vancouver anarchists who know him

as a friendly and insightful warrior who fought for the last thirty years against the State's destruction of Indian sovereignty. John participated in survival schools that helped young Indians reconnect to traditional ways of life within industrial society and was particularly involved in fighting the uranium industrial complex. John was involved in setting up a survival gathering named in honour of Anna Mae at Pinehouse, Saskatchewan. The Anna Mae Survival Camp was set up on Key Lake road, which later became the world's largest uranium mine. So much written material exists on the events leading up to and following Anna Mae's murder, however most of it concerns the spectacular nature of the FBI and to some extent AIM. Events are documented not because of the inspirational value or usefulness in struggle but more to set the scene or introduce characters that would become important in the dramatic downfall of AIM. AIM was a very loose organization and most Indian resistance at the time was autonomous. John was one of the thousands of Natives who fought and continue to fight against their annihilation. Above all most Natives recognize that John should never be tried in the court of the occupier. Considering the interest in uranium mining as a "green energy source" has now been renewed our solidarity with John, extending his struggle into ours, has become very important. The call has gone out: Honour Anna Mae and Free John Graham.

I am a warrior, I was a warrior when I first went to South Dakota and I'll be a warrior when I have to go (back) to South Dakota" - John Graham

For the purpose of succinctness the west coast of Canada is the main focus of this article but a brief overview of other indigenous struggles in the country, particularly that of Six Nations is necessary. Six Nations land in Ontario has been contested territory since 1784 when Six Nation natives (comprised of Mohawk, Onondaga, Cayuga, Oneida, Seneca and Tuscarora) signed a treaty for the Haldimand Tract of land. 95 % of this land has since been taken from them. The already mentioned Oka crisis was one such incursion onto Six Nations land. In early 2006 Six Nation natives reclaimed their land at the Douglas Creek Estate development, which extended the town of Caledonia into the reservation. Over thirty people have been arrested since then, some facing serious charges. Albert Douglas is facing robbery, attempted murder, forcible confinement, dangerous driving, and assault of a police officer and theft of a vehicle. It is alleged that Albert stole a US border patrol vehicle that was in the area and attempted to run down a pig who was injured as he was pulled out of the way. Douglas is also charged with robbery and assault in relation

to an attack on two TV cameramen in the Canadian Tire parking lot in Caledonia the same day. Documents that proved the use of infiltrators against the natives were found inside that car. Trevor Miller is facing similar charges for the same incident. 3 youth were recently arrested following the beating of a housing developer in Caledonia on September of this year. ■ other natives were arrested after the house they were occupying was evicted by an over-the-top riot squad operation and are now facing charges. Skylar Williams, ■ Mohawk accused of assaulting the housing developer faced further repression whilst being held in jail without bail. He was continually threatened by institution



staff; a typical occurrence when natives get sent down.

North of Caledonia, the Kanehsatake reservation has upheld its reputation as a major threat to Canadian normality. The constant attempts to control the reservation have been met with very clear direct action. The house of the corrupt band council chief James Gabriel was burnt down and an invading police force kicked off the reservation in 2004 after the fatal shooting of warrior Joe David. The cops have yet to return and when they do they will find their station has also been burned to the ground. Joseph Daye was sentenced to two years under house arrest for burning the chief's house. Mohawks from the Tyendinaga reserve have been reoccupying a gravel quarry and mounting rail and highway blockades demanding the closure of said quarry. Mohawk spokesman Sean Brant faces 6 indictable mischief charges and three breach of bail charges for the resistance at Tyednaga. He is facing upwards of 10 years.

"Now that war ■ being forced upon us, we will turn our hearts and minds to war and it too we will wage with all our might... Our Spirits are strong. We are together at last with ourselves and the world of our ancestors; we are proud before our children and our generations unborn... We are free. No yoke of white government oppression can contain us. We are free" - Mohawk Nation Office, August 27, 1990.

Conclusion

The struggle in many Native Nations can be said to parallel the anarchist struggle. Our struggles run alongside one another but are not the same. I recognise in them elements of my own struggle to destroy the existent that keeps me from a joyous and free interaction with the world. Our solidarity must represent this. Liberal activists are just as detested amongst Natives as politicians and the clear difference between the activist and anarchist perspectives can be presented through our actions.

Chilean and Italian anarchist solidarity with the dispossession and proletarianization of the Mapuche people are good examples. As are some of the actions of comrades here in Canada....

"On the night of sunday September 9th anarchists shattered the windows of the army recruiting center in Victoria, bc. Further encouraging the momentum of recent autonomous actions. (...) This action was carried out to illustrate two sides of the same useless coin which is the canadian state and its occupation of lands afar [Afganistan (sic) for example] and the territories of turtle island [North america]. Let our relationship to this system break like the thin glass that stands between us and the world without domination we desire." - **Communique September 12th 2007**

"By the time you read this letter ■ vans belonging to your adored Bell Canada Enterprises have already been disabled. Their engines are nothing more than the smoking vestiges that our fires have left behind.(....) We continue to see....borders, and those who police them, used to criminalize and isolate people who refuse to submit to the terror of State Capitalism. Along with the Green Scare victims, John Graham has recently been extradited to the US, Leonard Peltier met the same fate, and natives

across Turtle Island

[Tyendinaga, Six Nations, etc.] have also been subjected to conditions created by

the very repressive system that Bell, Linamar, Scotiabank, CN Rail, and others reinforce through the policies they create [like the SPP] with State leaders throughout North America." - **Communique December 12th 2007**

We can only ensure that the gift of agitation and subversion spreads from shattered windows, burning tires and squatted land outwards and onwards.

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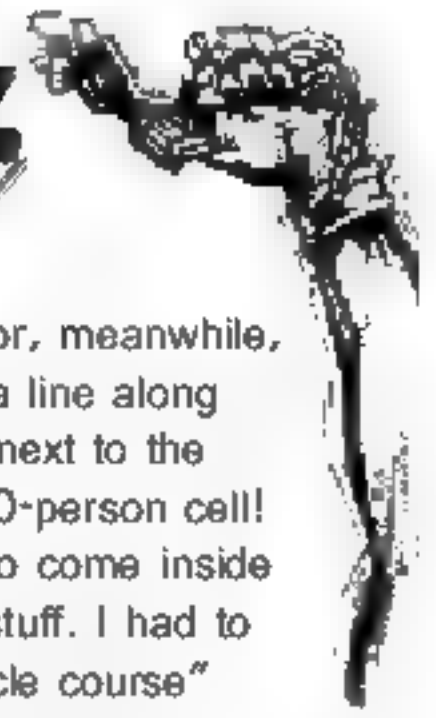


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AGAINST SURVEILLANCE SOCIETY

Letter from Artur Konowalik



From ABC Poznan, Poland: *This letter was sent to ABC Poznan address, we have no idea how this prisoner got our address. But three months before sending this letter, he sent the first letter asking us to send him some press, zines etc. We did so, but apparently, he didn't get the package we sent to him. This letter was sent without any censorship. We don't know the case of this prisoner, but the letter describes Polish prison reality perfectly. Artur asks for publishing it all over and he also wrote that press is very welcome. We don't think he speaks any other language than Polish but you're all welcome to send him signs of solidarity and publish this letter everywhere you can.*

"...This what the law looks like, the law created by the immaculate dictators..."

I am 28 years old, I've been in prison for 9,5 years, this is how the life looks like here. When you come inside the walls, before they put you in a cell, they call your so-called educator, who assures you that not once they made a kitten out of a tiger, so it'd be much better if you sit quiet. He tells you when you can get a food package, when you can have visits, what rights you have, what you can do and what you cannot! Finally, you get into the cell, for 4 or more people; here they emphasize that the size of a 4-person cell is the size of a 2-person cell but because of the fact that the prisons are overcrowded, they put 4 people in a cell like that. 2 or 4 people, they don't give a damn, if they had wanted to, they would have put the 5th one inside, he would sleep on the mattresses on the floor, so we should be happy, that there are only 4 of us, and when they put the 5th one in, we should be understanding and accept the fact that there are 5 people in a 2-person cell. The letters are censored, even when you're already convicted and the letters are not read by the prosecutor's office or the court, you still cannot glue the envelope, so that the educator and the supervisor could read your letters from the family. You're already convicted so you will not lie in the investigation, so what is this censorship for?! If you rebel, if you break the rules full of bans and orders, you will be punished. The punishments are: taking your tv or radio away, a reprimand, a ban to go to the common room, taking your food package away (you can get one in 3 months) or an isolation cell.

Use of violence by the prison guards is quite common, they have a special sound-proof room, where they carry you. It looks like that, they come in 10-15 people, it depends on what you've done. They wear helmets, protection vest, with shields and batons. They drive you to the room kicking you, beating with batons all over your body. When you're already there, nobody can hear you, because the room is made in a way that no sound would go out, they put a protection helmet on your head, so that you wouldn't smash it on the wall yourself (where's that great care coming from?!) and a belt with handcuffs, so that you wouldn't defend yourself. Those philanthropists, depending on their mood, or how their last night with their wives was, come several times to "cure you from the demons". When you get out of there, after 24 or 48 hours, sometimes longer, you have to promise you'll be quiet. You go to a doctor (who in my case said so!) who looks at your body, then says you won't die from it, or that you'll be fine soon. They say those things to the others too! Usually you are put in another cell afterwards.

Here, I will describe only one of the experiences I've had during this punishment. Everything I write about are my personal experiences, but I've chosen one, the one I wasn't quiet about. It was as usual, but that day, it was a little different because of some reasons that I want to write about, because I will always remember that day. I've already described how it looks like. That day, more of them came for me, it was in Przemyśl prison. One of them took me to a common room so that they could take the other ones from the cell out, it was a cell for more than 20 people. They wanted to remove witnesses, because they wanted to start the party in that particular cell. When they came for me to the common room and I went out to the corridor I was thrilled with the number of cops that I saw. There were a lot of smashed jars in the corridor, they threw them out of the cell. First, they put me against the wall with my arms upwards and with my legs wide astride. Then they were abusing me with offensive words, then I was hit in the back of my head and I fell down, the party began. My whole body was kicked, beaten, they didn't look where they hit. When they stopped the fun for a while, they ordered me to stand up and stand against the wall again. I

did what they asked for, meanwhile, half of them stood in a line along the cell. My bed was next to the wall in the end of a 20-person cell! Then they asked me to come inside the cell and take my stuff. I had to go through an "obstacle course" [which means all the cops on his way were beating him up heavily - translator's comment]. They gave me one minute to take my stuff, which was impossible to do, so they had another reason to beat me up. That was the third time in 10 minutes. While they were having fun with my stuff, letters, photos etc. I was standing against the wall. There were loads of smashed jars around, that was next to the door of the cell. I didn't notice when I was hit in the head and I felt cutting my hands, there was a jar in front of my eyes, I mean, the leftovers of a jar, it was standing with its bottom down, with a smashed edge. If I hadn't protected myself with my hands, I would have fallen in the glass with my face, in the best case possible, it would cut my face, in the worst case, it'd pierce into my forehead. I turned pale, I looked in the eyes of the person, who hit me, for a while he realized what could have happened. He stopped for a while, he kicked the glass, and continued on beating me up. After all, they put me in an isolation cell, I put out my stuff and laid down, counting bruises on my head. There were 16 of them. My body was so bruised and sore that I was really terrified. But the peace didn't last long. They cleaned up the corridor and they took me again. While they were kicking me, I opened my eyes, I saw them leaning over me. I knew I lost consciousness, but I found out about the epilepsy after few weeks. They gave it up and carried me to the cell. They said the doctor had holidays, so they I couldn't see him, with a lot of injuries and internal pains, of kidneys, liver and something else, but it's hard to tell, I felt pain everywhere. When the signs of the crime came off... It's hard for me to call it other way, because I have a long sentence for a battery with a use of a dangerous weapon in self-defense. So I am a criminal according to the law, so who are they according to the law, the law that says I am a criminal? Okay, so, when all signs went off, they suddenly took me to a hospital, a civil one, to see a neurologist. He asked me about my head injuries, if I had ones in my childhood, or if I fell off a bike, shit like that. I never had any head injuries, so I told him the truth, when I had ones and all the circumstances. I knew that was the reason why I was at the neurologist, that I lost consciousness, but he was the first to tell me that I was there because of epilepsy. Oh fuck, post-traumatic epilepsy, concussion. I don't know what he wrote in

the files, but since then, I've been taking medicines to decrease the risk of a potential epilepsy.

Okay, so I started to act, I wrote to the prosecutor, to the ombudsman. I have the right to glue the official letters and to take confirmation of receipt of those letters. I did so to avoid the possible loss of those letters. The attitude of prison guards towards me changed, but only for the time of my acting. So the investigation on the case started but I got replies that there are no evidences supporting my version, there are no traces, I didn't file it to the educator (who knew about everything), to the prison's chief, I tried to meet him but I didn't succeed, but he also knew about everything. I had no forensic examination because the doctor was on holiday. And the epilepsy that I have is an alcoholic one. What the fuck, when was I supposed to drink? I've been in jail since my teens, then on my 18th birthday I was in prison again, for 18 months, then I was free for 2 months and 4 days, then I was imprisoned for another 2 years. That was my second time in jail. So when was I supposed to drink? But, yeah, they say it's alcoholic and that's it. I wrote dozens of letters, but of course everything was totally groundless, everybody fucked up, nothing happened, there are no evidences (so I lie for sure), they were covering each other! I couldn't do anything, it all looked as I described. A local newspaper wrote some few shitty lines about that whole show they made in the prison. Not only were the guards fired, also the people from the very top. It ■ started when the prison was visited by the representatives of European Commission and they were talking to everyone from the cells, the authorities couldn't take part in this, they didn't allow them. Nobody was scared at that time, because they believed there's ■ chance for improvement of the conditions in the prison and they won't be repressed, because the guards weren't there during the control visit of the Commission. There were also controls made by the commission from the Central Office of the Prison Guards, but everyone knew that it's ■ the same shit and first of all, complaints wouldn't work and secondly, they would be repressed. So guys were scared.

The next thing is healthcare. You're not gonna believe it, but the nurses here are really incapable of their job, you can go to see them or the doctor, who is there once in two weeks, they would look, knock on your back and they have ■ wonderful cure, that will heal you. I'll give you one example of many. One guy had purulent scabies, he went to see the healers, they say it's nothing, an allergy. The scabies grew stronger, all covered in purulent wounds, he went to see the doctors again, and again they said it's allergy. After three weeks they finally figured it out that it might be scabies so they took him to an isolation room, but in the meantime he infected several other

inmates. The doctor is here once in two weeks, so if you get sick two days after his duty hours, then you have to wait another 12 days to see him. Flu, fuck the flu, you won't die from it, you wait for the doctor, in the meantime you would infect the other guys and then you all wait for him. Medicines, antibiotics... they cannot give you any of them without doctor's advice, so you walk around sick until he shows up again. Usually you get well without any medication. Sure, why not. Why should they give any medication (you won't die from it). Next, I want to write about the dentist. Right now I'm in Rzeszow Zaleze prison. The dentist's here once a week, or, if it really hurts that it makes you go mad, then can have a visit earlier. We had one lady dentist here last year, she infected loads of prisoners with serum jaundice. There were loads of cases against her filed to the prosecutor office to start an investigation. I heard myself once when she told one of the guys "be happy that it's not HIV, only jaundice". They fired the lady dentist, now there's mister dentist here, he doesn't remove so many teeth. Lady dentist was pulling teeth like hell. Why do anything, fill it, you can just get rid of it, doesn't matter, 5 or 10, hurts or not, there's ■ defect, let's pull it!

The methods that they use here and the so called prison rules are ridiculous. Rehabilitation, because I wanna write something about it now, is a word that's totally absurd. There's no rehabilitation here, it's ■ word made up by politicians and it doesn't meet reality in the Polish prisons. I want to start with the fact that they'd put in one cell a murderer, ■ gangster who grew up in the street, someone who rode ■ bike drunken or somebody who didn't pay alimony or for any other small shit. The person comes in, listens to it all, learns, he's vulnerable to many things, and instead of living according to the law, he becomes a potential gangster, murderer, thief or burglar. Secondly, this man sits for 23 hours doing nothing, he has a lot of time for thinking, planning. There are ■ lot of people who don't have a place to go to when they're out of prison. There's no work where you can earn some money while being in prison. There are some prisons where you can work, but those are exceptions, it's a really small percentage. Everyone can get a parole but it works differently. Even if you're out, it's not the end. You get some 50-100 zlotys (around 15-30 euros), or more when you leave the prison and that's it! As I already wrote, there are people who

have no place to go to. The only way out is a den and coming back to crime. If someone has ■ place to go to after being released, then they're also in ■ lost position. They look for a job, but it's obvious that a potential employer wouldn't hire an ex-prisoner, he/she doesn't want to risk. He/she has 10 other people for this place, so why should he employ a man with criminal record. The guardian pressurizes, threatens with annulling the suspension of the sentence, that was temporarily suspended for the parole. And there's a moment of giving up and coming back to criminal life. The omniscient judge judges you later and says "to be locked again" and the you're back there. I will give you few examples of alleged rehabilitation. You can paint paintings, but getting the canvas and paints is almost a miracle, you can draw graphics with ink but they won't give it to you cause it's used for tattoos. You can draw with pencils but there are no pencils at the moment (maybe they'll buy some in few days). There are prisons that have what they want but those are the administration's minions. Recently, there was sports competition organized by the cultural educator, basketball, long jump, medicine ball throw. There was also a volleyball tournament between the prison units, but only the chosen ones played (rehabilitation?). What is it? Basketball throws etc? This is a fucking isolation from the society, segregation of the prisoners, like in cages, and fanning hatred. It is because of them some go out of prisons and kill. I know some examples of people who were here for one year, they were fanning hatred in them, by repression, it riots inside them and then it blows up on the other side of the wall.

In the unit where I stay, there's a library, the biggest one in the prison, it has a lot of books, but nobody reads Tolstoy here. Usually they would read some 'criminal' stories and they rehabilitate here studying their craft for months. This is how the 'rehabilitation' looks like, in short. There's one more ridiculous thing for me here. You're before the commission every six months, they evaluate on you behavior, the process of rehabilitation. They can be 'good men' and send you to a half-open prison, where it is possible to get out earlier. Men in elegant suits, the best ones, law-abiding, with masks on their faces tell you "it's good, behavior is okay, we have no reservations, hope to see further improvements, the rehabilitation goes right way". In six months, ■ spite of the fact that you're there the same way you were there, you didn't get any document about your bad behavior etc. they'd tell you "oh, it got worse, you have to change, improve your behavior". Did they forget about the good opinion they made six months before and about the fact that nothing has changed? I don't know, maybe they had a fucked up day and they changed the opinion to a bad one (maybe they wanted to give a chance for improvement). Oh those fucking philanthropists, they're so great! They gave me ■ chance for improvement! That's a fucking 'gift from heavens'.

This next piece of writing is taken from 'Detour' an Italian-made film about the severe disturbances in Genoa, Italy, at the time of the 2001 G8 Summit. The text is a spoken voice track overlaid on the scenes of the attempted liberation of Marassi prison. The title of the piece refers to the attack by the black bloc on the gates and offices of the jail, as they attempted to burn it down. The summit was marked by extreme pre-planned police brutality, there was a large number of detainees who were systematically abused and beaten. Some prisoners were made to grovel on the floor like dogs whilst guards simulated sex with them, some made to sing fascist songs and salute pictures of Mussolini.

The text actually describes the liberation of Newgate prison, London, during the Gordon Riots of 1780. The riots were the largest municipal insurrection in the 18th Century, at a time that saw several others across the world. It was "a motley crew, and of every colour". The insurgent masses were working class, multi-racial, and fought for liberty against the slavery and confinement enforced by the rich. The insurrection had the aristocrats besieged and houses destroyed, the bosses and upper-classes armed themselves with military encampments and checkpoints. Parliament and the Bank of England was attacked. Newgate, the largest and most terrible dungeon, was liberated amid such fire and destruction that one spectator felt "as if not only the whole metropolis was burning, but all nations yielding to the final consummation of things."

bite the hand of those who give them the crumbs of the big cake of the mercantilist expansion; they want the current laws repealed and that everything is owned by everybody. They ardently desire the end of the status quo.

They look forward to seeing the old dream of the great London riots come true and eventually see clear wine pissed out of the public fountain.

All the aristocrats came out into the streets with unprecedented mobility; they separate and then come together, concentrate and then scatter according to their inspiration. Insurrection is not confined to the borders of the working slums, but goes around the metropolis through itinerant groups, who manage to enlist more reinforcements wherever



symbol of the slavery to abolish; it seeks neither for fight nor for military action; full of omnipotence and vivacity, it wants to abolish all the partitions. It aims to ban and humble its enemies; it intends to destroy the past, but hardly ever kills or captures.

Bound to lack of discipline and coordination, this ubiquitous insurrection soon shows that its ace is the lack of strategy itself. The weak troops wearily follow the mass of the rioters, without ever reaching them. In an era where punishment is preferred to supervision, the few policemen that patrol the boroughs are either led to flee or to fraternise, not being able to face the great deal of determination of those fanatics. The only bunch of warders to face the mob is confined in the Bastille-like-prison, Newgate. The news that the biggest prison of the kingdom is about to be assailed by the mob travels around London in a tic and gather tens of thousands of onlookers.

The high walls of Newgate are about to fall; the right is naked.

STUNNING LIKE MARASSI IN FLAMES

Sleepless beggars without a future wondered through the night; tens of thousands of them surged from the slums of White Chapel & Southwark, from hovels and lodging-houses, from garages, brothels and inns. They do not care about the Pope or the King, about Tories, Whigs, rituals and revenue; they do not care about the art to rule and to administer. They want to cut unworthy preachers' tongues and

those become available. Insurrection prefers to scatter, to divert and to run rather than to go along in a slow mass march. It chooses its aims according to their psycho geographic closeness; it does not want to obtain power, but wants to destroy it by turning all authorities and all class privileges ephemeral. Therefore it sacks rich houses,

Recently, I was punished to stay in an isolation cell, I was fighting for my right so they punished me. Isolation room means also that you cannot get any packages. For them it's one punishment. It's totally absurd, but they say it's one punishment. During my stay in prison I was making a lot of trouble, as they say (self-mutilations, swallowing things), I've been through three surgical operations. And I hit a jailer, I smashed windows, I made rows and I was fighting for my rights, I was said to be a dangerous prisoner. I was put in a special unit. Cell 3 metres by 1,5 meter, I had two cell searches a day, which meant totally fucking up everything inside. Four appeals a day. In spite of the fact that there was a video camera in the cell and the Big Brother was watching me all the time. They dressed me up in a red uniform, they were undressing

me completely every time I had to leave the cell. They were putting my hands and legs in chains that were wounding my legs. I didn't have TV set or radio in my cell. There was a speaker, they were playing radio, very often they were playing 'relaxing' music, sea waves, birds' singing etc. I was alone in a cell for three years, the only faces I was seeing were faces of the guards, always serious and arrogant. I had nobody to talk to for those three years. Of course, they were trying to break me mentally and many times had I been provoked to behave in an aggressive way. Then I was punished for violent behavior. Now, I'm in a normal unit, in a normal cell, but all the time they threaten me with coming back to the unit for the

dangerous ones. It's hard to stay calm.

This how the law looks like, the law created by the immaculate dictators. I have to struggle with this dictatorship for at least three more years and I think this system is not gonna break me.

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Built in the twelfth century and secular symbol of oppression, Newgate is the biggest and oldest of the prisons in London. It was just enlarged and embellished with new external features. However its walls, sweating with dismay, never lost their horrible look for the beggars. Amongst them there are burglars, pocket pickers and thieves of all sorts, whores and fortune tellers as well as petty thieves and homeless that argued with their hosts. Not to forget boxers and virtuous stabbers. In short a large number of poor people kept in there, who have either died or are about to die.

The burnt block of the warders opens a breach in the formidable fortress. An eye-witness says that a group of rioters, determined to force their way in, smashed the doors with bars and other means, mounted on the roof of the block of the cells linked to the two blocks, where the felons are kept. The latter broke up the roof, ripped the windows off and came down through ladders. The flames surrounded them and an anti-riot squad could have blocked them at any time, but they were ready to face any risk.

The first liberator to enter the prison is called Tom Haycock. When interrogated in court regarding his motive to take part in the attack to Newgate, he simply replied "The aim". "And what else?" they asked him. "By dawn" he added "Not one prison had to be in place in London". The attackers, that had drawn the plan, confidently laid siege to that building that some of them knew all to well. They started by forcing the cells in and



bringing out the prisoners, who are acclaimed by the mob as they emerge from the furnace. They are paraded with honour at the rhythm of the chains that they still have around their ankles. They are brought to the blacksmiths of the neighbourhood to free them from their chains, before letting them free in the big chaos.

300 hundred workers condemned for bad debts or felony, 3 of whom were to be hanged the following day, were thus freed, while their liberators, perching on the prison walls, looked at the fire as if in ecstasy. Some of them pissed on it as if it was a furnace to be poked, while burping, swearing and blaspheming. At the bottom of the walls celebrating dances were

being performed in honour of the destruction. Gin and wine, that had been taken from the warders, who used to sell it to the prisoners, was being distributed for free in great quantities.

The poet and engraver, William Blake, who was 23 at the time, also took part in the party. The living fire that annihilated Newgate would be present in his fruitful imagination for years; those sublime moments would be the inspiration of his firing visions.

"The tigers of wrath are wiser than the horses of instruction"
William Blake.

**"For Mercy has a human heart;
Pity, a human face;
And Love, the human form divine:
And Peace the human dress."**

William Blake, fragment from 'The Divine Image'



20 June, Genoa : Anarchists attack Marassi Prison

Look! Human beings living in an underground den, with a mouth open towards the light, reaching the entire den; they have been here since childhood and have their legs and necks chained so that they cannot move...

Retrospective - October 1996, around 5:30am in the morning, ■ cool autumn day slowly awakened itself... Two, maybe three, dozen hooded shapes run almost silently into Savings' Bank. One holds ■ video camera as one of the men yells: „on your knees, on your knees!“ - and before I can count to three I am lying on the ground, my hands and feet twisted, ■ doctor bending over me. He asks

„Are you alright? Is anything wrong with you?“ and I still think he must have a sense of humor, but he's probably only doing his job. Thus, a 14 hour hostage-taking situation in a bank ends, which instead of leading to providing funds for a variety of political projects is followed by a lengthy prison sentence.

..So that they cannot move, and can only see before them, being

prevented by the chains from turning their heads. Above and behind them a fire is blazing at a distance..

After 10 years detention, which I have spent mostly in isolation I want to put together a balance sheet:

The Punishment

The whole meaning purpose of punishment in civil society is, if one follows an established comment in the criminal code, to prevent criminal offences, be it by the punished or not yet amerciable individuals. Beyond that punishment should be a retaliation for the injustice committed. The penal law sees the purpose of the penal system in rehabilitation as well as the protection of the gen public; i.e the convict should become capable to live ■ socially responsible life free of crime. The execution of sentences law again sees the tasks of the execution of sentences apart from the protection of the public in the Resozialisierung, i.e. the prisoner is to become able to lead in the future within social responsibility ■ life without criminal offences.

Courts in Heilbronn and Karlsruhe condemned me in several trials to 16 years 9 months and 3 weeks imprisonment - to be served until 2013. Since I might present a danger for society at large preventive detention has been arranged afterwards. This is to be executed beginning with 2013 and will continue according to the will of the law. Preventive detention (Sicherungsverwahrung - SV) is to be executed in ■ prison as well and can continue for life, for as long as the experts and the court believe it is right for the one in confinement. At the current time there are no women placed in preventive detention, no more danger there.



For the bank hold-up I received 11 years 6 months, followed by a preventive detention of unknown length since various politicians from the SDP (Social Democratic Party), CDU (Christian Democratic Union), CSU (Christian Social Union), as well as legal officials felt insulted by my letters.

Can someone understand that I am not willing to serve these 17 years and potential lifelong preventive detention without opposition? Punishment ■ civil society is an instrument of discipline - and it is part of the legal class! Naturally I believe in a life with social responsibility, as it is called in the penal code, but my idea of ■ society differs fundamentally from the prevalent capitalistic society.

..They see only their shadows, or the shadows of one another, which the fire throws on the wall of the cave. How can they see anything but the shadows if they are never allowed to move their heads?..

The Prison

Prisoners which pose a danger to the order and security of the institution may be held in solitary confinement (ie 24 hours a day alone) according to the law. From 1996 to 1998 I sat in isolation in Stammheim and since then in bruchsal (with two interruptions: 1998 in Straubing and again in 2002 in Stammheim). Since May 2006 I can meet 6-7 other „dangerous“ prisoners in the prison yard for an hour. A lot of reading and writing - day in, day out, year after year. This is how I spend the time...

And if they were able to speak to one another would they not believe that the voices they heard were from the shadows which they saw?

Still in Prison

There is B who regularly receives antipsychotic medications, T who at 1,82m weighs only 60kg. (see also <http://www.de.indymedia.org/2006/08/156000.shtml>) or OE who pulls himself away from the TV for an hour in the yard in order to collect the cigarette butts from the ground so he can have something to smoke.

We are quite ■

„dangerous“ handful of prisoners.

I won't say anything about the, at times more at times less subtle, humiliations, harassments, „special“ incidents, whoever wants to read more examples from everyday prison life can check my webpage.

Prisoners, who are determined to fight for their liberty are quickly considered as dangerous to the prison system, because such ■ system survives due to the silent agreement between inmates and officials, according to which the former must first accept the circumstances of their imprisonment. Those who does not stick to this agreement and are not willing to stare at the walls all the time and to see the shadows of freedom as compensation for reality will, almost without fail, end up in solitary confinement, for the sole reason of preventing such prisoners from - allegedly - inciting their fellow prisoners.



And now look again and see what will naturally follow if the prisoners are released and disabused of their error. At first, when any of them is liberated and compelled to suddenly stand up and turn his neck around and walk and look towards the light, he will suffer sharp pains; the glare will distress him, and he will be unable to see the realities of which, in his former state, he had seen the shadows of.

The Imprisonment

Unfortunately there are too many prisoners, which after many years of detention are no longer able to function once freed and fail at completing even the simplest everyday tasks. I'm reminded of Z, we were in neighbouring cells in 2002 in Stammheim and could only communicate from window to window. He'd spent half his life behind walls (home, juvenile detention, prison), and after a few days of freedom – he had served his sentence to full term – had been detained once again. He told me about how he'd gone for a walk in the city and a couple had asked him to photograph them. The digital camera which they'd put in his hands overwhelmed him completely. He didn't know what this tool was meant for. Obviously only a triviality and definitely neither an explanation nor an attempt to excuse his fast relapse, yet a piece of the puzzle.

The price of freeing oneself from the chains while still in detention can be high in particular cases, but the worldwide prison fight, as in Spain or North/South America are testimony to the fact that the longing for freedom cannot be extinguished.

I myself am going to be denied the freedom of movement over an unspecified amount of time, I have never accepted that and I will never accept that.

Even ten years of solitary confinement have not destroy my convictions one iota. The confinement is not as essential, as long as I am able to experience solidarity from the outside. Sometimes I have been infuriated by reproaches from the outside. Occasionally over the course of the years I have been accused of playing a martyr and been advised to cooperate with the judicial in order to alleviate my circumstances.

At moments like those I need patience.

Those who might ask themselves what is with the literary fragments. These are quotes from Plato's Cave Allegory (The Republic, book 7, 514-520). Through this symbolic language prisoners are also referred to.

Liberty is not something which is given – it is something which one must take for oneself!

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MG (Militant Group): A Chronology.

12.06.01: sending of bullets to the representants of the 'Initiative for the reparation of the victims of forced labour during the nazi regime' (Gibowski, Gentz and Lamsdorff) because of their role in relativizing the crimes of the nazi regime.

21.06.01: arson against cars of a daimlerchrysler reseller in Berlin-Mariendorf, following their role as profiteers of the forced labour under the nazi regime.

05.02.02: arson attack against the social office in Berlin-Reinickendorf and threatening letter directed to the responsible for social politics Frank Balzer (a 'personification of the social terror').

29.04.02: arson attack against a daimlerchrysler reseller in occasion of the visit of Mr. Bush.

31.12.02: arson attack at the finance office in Berlin-Neukölln following their research oriented towards 'blackpayed workers'.

26.02.03: arson attack in Brandenburg against some jeeps property of the german army, in occasion of the beginning of the Iraq's war.

17.09.03: arson attacks against the court of Sachsen-Anhalt and the State Attorney in Naumburg/Saale in to respond the trial of the 'Magdeburg Three'.

29.10.03: arson against cars belonging the ALBA company, to attack their politic of exploitation.

31.12.03: arson attack against the buros of the 'German Institute for social research' (DIW) in Berlin-Steglitz, considered as a 'think tank factory of Capital'.

29.03.04: arson at the knot office of the social office Pankow and the dole office Berlin-nord, to respond the approved reform which prescribed the comign together of social help and dole for jobless people.

06.05.04: arson against cars property of the Telekom to attack their participation within the newly approve 'Hartz IV' reform (cutting to the social help).

23.09.04: arson against the social office in Berlin-Schöneberg because of their involvement within the 'Hartz IV' reform, as well as another arson attack against the municipality of Reinickendorf, responsible for the administration of politics concerning refugees. Bullets have been sent as well to Bernd Kromer, member of the city parliament, for his socio-technocratic role.

10.01.05: arson against a new LIDL big german supermarket) construction site in Berlin-Steglitz, to respond their politic of terror and repression against their workers and trade unionists.

29.04.05: arson attack in Potsdam against cars property of the land-parliament of Brandenburg (Berlin's region) and in Berlin against the private cars of some cops, to join the 1 of may festivities and the campaign against the social-technocrats.

08.11.05: second arson against the buros of the 'German Institute for social research' (DIW) in Berlin-Steglitz.

16.02.06: arson against a Renault car reseller in Berlin-Reinickendorf for the international day of the political prisoner, and for the freedom of the Action Directe prisoners.

20.03.06: arsons against the carpark of the Ordnungsamt (they operate

similarly to police) in Berlin Treptow-Kopenick, for their involvement within social repression.

10.04.06: arson to one door of the central police presidium, speaks for itself.

23.05.06: arson against Berlin social court for their role as judiciary organ of the sociotechnocracy.

03.09.06: arson against cars of the border police in Berlin-Lichtenberg: a month ago they were responsible of the death of some refugees they were following with cars.

10.09.06: again arson against cars belonging to the Ordnungsamt. In Berlin-Reinickendorf.

19.12.06: arson against the buro complex of the neurologue Andreas Blodau in Dessau and paintings at the family house of Dessau's police chief, Andreas Schubert, because of their involvement in the death of Oury Jallo (a refugee burned down in his police cell, where Blodau was the doctor in charge and made the autopsy afterwards).

14.01.07: arson against cars belonging the border police in Oranienburg, for converging a mainrole in the attacks against refugees.

18.05.07: arson against cop's vans in Berlin-Spandau, to respond to the national raids against anti-G8 activists.

A few thoughts about the solidarity towards the defendants within the last 129a trials in Berlin.

On the morning of 31.07.07, Axel H., Florian L. And Oliver R. were arrested in Brandenburg an der Havel, after having allegedly tried to burn down few trucks, property of the German army.

On the same day Andrej H. has been also arrested and the houses, as well as the working places of the four arrested, and of three more people, have been searched. The accusation was: "Participation within a terrorist organisation under paragraph 129a". They are accused of being members of the MG (Militant Group).

Andrej H. has been released on the 22.08, and the BGH (Federal Supreme Court) declared on the 24.10 that there was no reason to keep anymore an arrest warrant on him.

On the 28.11, the BGH declared that the MG does not fulfill the characteristics to be catalogued as "terrorist organisation", but simply as "criminal organisation".

Therefore, the other three prisoners were able to leave the prison of Moabit (Berlin) a couple of days later after the payment of 30.000 euro bail for each of them (same as it was for Andrej).

In the press release of the solidarity group about the end of the arrest warrants, there have been few details about what the repressive authorities knew about Andrej, concerning his activities within the radical left.

Among other things, it seems as though they have taken some cancelled memos from a notebook, as an example of proving his participation within the last two issues of the underground newspaper "Radikal" (Radikal is an autonomous newspaper existing since the end of the 70's, which was forced to be published underground following a mass criminalization in 1984.)

This newspaper offered a national wide debate among autonomous groups, theoretically as much as on a practical level, presenting as well instructions on how to build devices or doing sabotages.

Since then, there have been many criminalization attempts, trials for terrorist organization, few people needed to leave the country for a while in the past, but despite this is still ranting nowadays).

We asked ourselves why we had to get this information merely through the choice of the State to make this public, rather than from a decision of the solidarity group.

What does the BKA (Federal Criminal Office) know which we do know yet know, since the supporters hide these details? The duty of a solidarity group should be to support the prisoners on any level, and also to spread already known informations. This a necessity within a serious and offensive solidarity work. All the known informations, as long as they are known to the repressive institutions, should be made public, and not hidden to the rest of the scene.

As price for such an hiding, might be the loss of trust towards the solidarity group. The question would be also who would be helped? or should be by such a praxis of keeping away informations. At the latest during the trial such informations will be made public. Therefore we would leave the repressive apparatus the time and the possibility to publicize such informations as first.

We consider such a praxis as part of the "innocence" campaign, which has been partly brought forward in the case of Andrej. We refuse such a praxis strongly, why we do so, we explained already within other texts.

Towards an offensive solidarity work!
Freedom for all!

ABC Berlin - November 2007



Letter from Florian, Axel and Olli

Dear comrades, friends and supporters!

We thank you all in this way for your enormous solidarity, friendship and loyalty.

With you all we managed to overcome the difficult time in prison. The letters and the visits of family members and comrades, your solidarity against their repression, which became very substantial through the high number of solidarity events such as discussions, actions, demonstrations, letters of solidarity, all this has been for us more than needed and helpful. Extreme thanks goes to the lawyers, who intensively supported us and also to all the people, who organised the money for our bail.

Our coming release and the overturn of the 129a are a partial victory, which has been reached also through you all. The end of the detention has represented for us a special moment of fortune.

However, there is no call to drop your guard down! The Federal General Attorney is proceeding further with the 129 paragraph (criminal association), the Federal General Office keeps on spying around and putting us under huge pressure. Their goal would be not only to destroy our political identity, but furthermore all the radical left which struggles everyday towards the utopia of a liberated society. To reach this destruction, they are using the preventive surveillance of the State unto its very last means. We do not let it frighten us or let us stop in doing our necessary emancipative work.

We are doing more!

We have to accustomise again as ex-prisoners within the daily life, take something back, stabilise us together with our families and friends, in order to become all strong again. As we have to recognize by now, we will need for this more time than we thought we needed. For the upcoming trials, we will need your support further.

Thanks and greetings of solidarity!

Florian, Axel and Olli

Berlin, December 2007



For more information on the reports given here check the source and the internet links at the back of this section. Find out more and organise, wise up and fight back against repression!

Europe - CIA 'Black site' prisons confirmed.

A Council of Europe investigator says he has evidence to prove the CIA ran secret jails in Poland and Romania to illegal detain and interrogate "war on terror" suspects. Dick Marty, a Swiss senator, has been investigating CIA operations on behalf of the European human rights body. In his new report, released on Friday, Mr Marty says secret CIA prisons "did exist in Europe from 2003 to 2005, in particular in Poland and Romania". The governments of both countries have strongly denied any involvement. Mr Marty says he drew on multiple sources and used his own intelligence methods to investigate the CIA's "extraordinary renditions", the process under which terror suspects were transported around the world for interrogation. "Some European governments have obstructed the search for the truth and are continuing to do so by invoking the concept of 'state secrets'.... This criticism applies to Germany and Italy, in particular," he said.

His report came as the first criminal trial over the CIA "extraordinary renditions" opened in Italy. Twenty-five CIA agents and a US Air Force colonel are on trial in their absence, accused of kidnapping an Egyptian terror suspect and sending him to Egypt, where he was tortured. Unnamed CIA sources quoted by Mr Marty said Poland was the "black site" where eight "high-value detainees (HVDs)" were interrogated, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed - alleged mastermind of the 9/11 attacks on the US in 2001 - and Abu Zubaydah, a suspected top al-Qaeda operative. The report says Romania "was developed into a site to which more detainees were transferred only as the HVD programme expanded". "The secret detention facilities in Europe were run directly and exclusively by the CIA." But it adds: "the highest state authorities were aware of the CIA's illegal activities on their territories". There is evidence that the CIA operations took place in line with NATO authorisation. Some detainees were held in secret for several years and subjected to "degrading treatment and 'enhanced interrogation technique'" (essentially a euphemism for torture). In comments published in the French daily Le Figaro, Mr Marty said "suspected terrorists" were also "kidnapped then tortured and detained illegally in rogue states like Syria." Dick Marty is an experienced international lawyer. In January 2007 a European Parliament committee approved a report which said EU states knew of secret CIA rendition flights over Europe. The report said the

governments also knew of the illegal abduction of terror suspects by US agents and the US's use of clandestine detention centres. *Source : Various*

UK - From London to the regions, MI5 is expanding.

Britain's security service MI5 is growing fast. It has doubled in size from where it stood on 9/11, but it is also moving out of London. By 2011, it is expected to number 4,000 staff, of whom a quarter will be based in the regions as it opens eight new regional centres, as well as a new secret operations centre. A central aspect of this expansion is closer co-operation with local police forces. Greater Manchester was the first force to set up a counter-terrorist unit and it now works hand in glove with the security service. "Actually you can't any more tell who's the cop, who's the spook. I think that's probably the test," explained Manchester Chief Constable Mike Todd. "I have to say, when it comes to the sort of tasking, co-ordinating meetings every week between the police service nationally and the security service, there's no shortage of targets that we've got to deal with." A tour around the unit by its head, Detective Chief Superintendent Tony Porter, reveals operations spread across a number of floors, with teams of analysts, surveillance officers and counter-terrorism officers working with local communities and officers on specific issues like prisons or terrorist funding. Their aim is to generate investigative leads in-house as well as pursue leads that come from MI5 or other intelligence agencies. The unit is also designed to work on community engagement and co-operation. "When you look at the link between the service and the police, it reaches literally from the director general of the security service, the chief constable, right the way down to a community police officer working in one of our communities." The police and MI5 also work closely together on a project called 'Rich Picture' designed to spot early signs of suspicious activity within communities. As well as the regional stations, MI5 is also in the process of building what it calls an "operations centre" outside of London. Whilst the regional stations focus on investigations, the operations centre will be designed to allow the rapid response of surveillance and other officers around the country in emergencies and on short notice.

Source : Various

Perugia, Italy - 5 arrests against alleged Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI) cell.

Disclaimer: These are at the moment the only infos to be found around, more infos to come as soon as we have them.

Operation 'Brushwood' - On the 23 October the Carabinieri (Italian Military Police) of ROS (Special Anti-Terrorist branch of Carabinieri) arrested 5 people, while one more is under investigation but at liberty. The operation took place in Perugia, Umbria (Central Italy), under the name of "Operation Brushwood". The comrades are being accused of being 'members' of a FAI cell (Informal Anarchist Federation), defined as being 'a very dangerous one' by the investigating authorities. The cell's name should be "Coop/FAI" (Co-operative against all political orders). Apartments have been raided and computers confiscated by the cops. The authorities declared also that their attention is concentrating on other potential suspects. Some of the current accusations are: sending a letter with two bullets and death-threat to the President of the local region, death-threat to the mayor of Spoleto, to some Carabinieri, damage of some construction buildings in the area, possession of weapons and theft. Of course, the main paragraph used against them is the 270bis (subversive association towards terrorism). In the documents of this FAI cell there has been various talk about the struggle against the TAV (high velocity train), and in general other projects which put the environment in danger, with a declaration "towards the acceleration of the revolutionary guerrilla and of the ecological armed struggle in Umbria".

Michele Fabian has been ghosted to the maximum-security prison of Sulmona, the one with the highest rate of suicides: 7 within the last 3 years. Andrea Di Nucci sits in solitary confinement inside the Capanne's prison, Perugia, known for the death of a prisoner, Aldo Bianzino (arrested for possession of a small quantity of marijuana and beaten to death by the screws). Dario Polinori and Damiano Corrias are under house arrest, Fabrizio Reali Roscini is out.

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Raids in Italy - A translation of a communique by Italian comrades. Friday the 25 of January, ■ raids have been ordered in the city of La Spezia, Livorno, Pisa and Roma. The people met by this raids, most of them being anarchists, are accused of attempted murder with the aggravation of terrorism. During the raids, material useful to catalogue the DNA of the people has been taken, following european directories directed to creating a data-bank for prisoners and social rebels.

The contested crime is having done an explosive attack against the Folgore (military corpse) station of via Vannucci in Livorno, September 2006. This station is a host for assassins in uniform who killed and destroy entire populations, who have done the so-called "mission of peace" in Somalia, Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and now ■ Iraq.

Like always, one tries to overturn the roles, but all of us know who the real terrorists are: the ones who produce fear in order to keep the actual state of things, the ones who, like in this case, bring to prison somebody stranger to any political activity, but still refractory to this society, and the ones who want to change all this.

Such an inquiry just confirms the interest that cops and judges reserve to a particular area which is constantly expressing dissent, but make also one thinking about their potential crisis of abstinence in the case they would lose every one single occasion to make feeling their pressure on everyone who rebels of express his/her solidarity.

Freedom for Valentinal
Freedom for Costa, Francesco and Daniele!
Freedom for all!
Solidarity to the defendants!

Some of the defendants and solidarious ones

Valentina, arrested on the 25, has been transferred to house arrest on the 28.

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Source : Berlin ABC

UK - John Bowden and Anarchist Black Cross 'terrorists' smear falls apart.

Letter from John Bowden:

In late December 2007, following a lengthy investigation by Perth and Kinross Council into my complaint that Matt Stillman, ■ social worker employed by them and temporarily seconded to Castle Huntly jail last year, had deliberately lied ■ a critically important parole report about my involvement with what he had claimed was a "terrorist organisation", the Council has issued the following statement:

"The complaint concerned two specific statements in the report for the Parole Board that was completed by Matt Stillman.

Statement 1: *That Brighton Anarchist Black Cross website was a website for eco-terrorists or paramilitaries, and that you were involved with this*

organisation. On investigation, there is no evidence to substantiate the claims made in the report to the Parole Board. Our conclusion is that the website, although clearly political is not paramilitary or eco-terrorist, therefore the statement to the Parole Board is incorrect.

Statement 2: *That the prisoner (John Bowden) whilst in Edinburgh Prison received visits from terrorists. On investigation the officer could find no evidence to support this allegation in either Social Work or Prison files. Therefore again we conclude that this statement is incorrect."*

Inaccurate reporting is commonplace in parole reports but rarely has such a report prepared by a social worker contained such a dramatic allegation that a prisoner currently in an open jail ■ preparation for release is in fact a member of a terrorist organisation. When Stillman's report was submitted last April the consequences were extreme and brutal. Just a month before a crucial parole tribunal to decide my suitability for release after 25 years in prison, I was suddenly thrown into solitary confinement and then transferred from Castle Huntly Open Prison to Maximum-Security Glenochil Prison. A local newspaper, The Dundee Courier, screamed across front-page headlines, "Castle Huntly Killer Has Terrorist connection" and published verbatim Stillman's ludicrous claim that Anarchist Black Cross (in fact a perfectly legal and legitimate prisoner support group) was composed wholly of terrorists and paramilitaries, some of whom had visited me in prison. The prison system itself, against whom I'd campaigned against for years in furtherance of prisoner's rights, jumped at the opportunity to bury me again in maximum-security conditions and use Stillman's claims to justify subjecting me to a battery of psychological assessments and evaluations to determine the extent of my dramatically increased danger to the public. The only thing I was able to marshal in my defence was the support of ABC friends and comrades on the outside who protested and demonstrated on my behalf and campaigned tirelessly to expose Stillman's lies. Their efforts alone forced the Scottish Prison system to take a more defensive position and distance themselves from Stillman's ridiculous claims. Finally in October last year, following the completion of an "updated psychological risk-assessment" report on me by forensic psychologist, Dawn Harris, who explicitly rubbished Stillman's allegations.

Although the prison system has backed down in the face of the prolonged protests organised by ABC on my behalf, Stillman's lies had cost me six months locked-down in maximum-security and at least another year, possibly more, in prison. Stillman was investigated by Perth and Kinross Council, who provide the social work team at Castle Huntly Prison, and when initially questioned by their investigation officer he claimed that he had been "advised" by others about the nature of the ABC organisation. When questioned further about the source of his information

regarding ABC he changed his story and claimed that he had seen some reference to it in an existing prison file on me. The investigation revealed this to be a lie. Stillman was clearly guilty of malpractice in deliberately presenting lies as fact in an official parole report, and yet he remains employed by Social services in Fife and to date hasn't been subject to any form of disciplinary action. They conclude the report of their investigation with the following: "As a result of this investigation we have looked at our procedures when producing parole reports and will consider how we can ensure that proper stands are met, etc, etc". Translated, this means that no concrete action will be taken against Stillman or his line-manager in the social work department at Castle Huntly, Christina Brown, who enclosed with Stillman's report to the Prison Board a covering letter supporting the validity of Stillman's claims and swearing to his honesty and integrity. Stillman's lies were always going to be unsustainable when subjected to even a perfunctory examination, and the investigator at Perth and Kinross Council had little choice but to admit that. But that was as far as he was prepared to go – in terms of what motivated or encouraged stillman to make the accusation of terrorism against myself and ABC, the lid was placed back on. No one is culpable and a "lessons have been learned" statement considered adequate to close the matter.

The matter, however, is far from closed. Apart from the Perth and Kinross investigation, the Scottish Social Service Council, a body set up to oversee and enforce a code of conduct in the treatment of service users, is also conducting an investigation into Stillman's conduct following a complaint from me. Should the SSSC accept the decision of the Perth and Kinross investigation then the removal of Stillman's social work licence on the grounds of misconduct should, by any standard of natural justice, follow.

I intend also to pursue legal actions against both Stillman's social work employers and the Scottish Prison Service, during which I intend to expose the full extent of the prison system's complicity in Stillman's lies and attempt to bury me indefinitely in prison. I would ask all supporters to write letters of complaint to the following:

Dave Roberts, Executive Director of Perth and Kinross Council, 5 Whitefriars Crescent, Perth PH2 0PA, Scotland demanding that proper disciplinary action be taken against Stillman and Christina Brown.

Stephen Moore, Head of Social work at the Social Work Office, South Street, Glenrothes, Fife, KY7 5NL, Scotland demanding that he explain why Stillman continues to be employed at Fife Social Services.

Scottish Prison Service HQ, Communications Branch, Room 338, Calton House, 5 Redheugh Rigg, Edinburgh, EH12 9HW, Scotland demanding that Christina Brown, still employed at Castle Huntly Prison and so obviously complicit in encouraging Stillman to concoct lies in parole reports, be dismissed."

John Bowden
HMP Noranside
Fern By Forfar
Angus
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Scotland

Source : Leeds ABC

Berlin, Germany - Christian S. an autonomous anti-fascist from Berlin is sitting again in prison since the 14th of July. Altogether, he has to serve 40 months. He has been sentenced for breaching the peace in relation to 1 of May 2004, and for the same paragraph for the incidents of the 12 March 2000. For this last offense he obtained a suspended sentence, but he was called back into prison as soon as he was sentenced again in 2004. Both sentences relate to his active resistance against 2 big marches of Neo-Nazis through Berlin. He already served several months in jail because of 1 of May 2004, during which his health situation worsened. Indeed, he suffers serious Hepatitis C, and suffered a complete lack of medical treatment during the first months of his imprisonment. Only through the pressure of his supporters, which contributed to the breaking out of a big public scandal about Berlin's prison conditions (the medic responsible got a lot of public hassle and got removed from service) he was then able to obtain again the medicines he needed. Even with his health situation (which means he needs serious medical treatment that ■ not providable within incarceration) and the fact he is studying to obtain a diploma at an adult's school, he is in prison again. It is clear that this will not help him to fight against his terminal illness. As well, his trials have been a theatre where the cops had space to try new tactics: as example, the introduction of anonymous police witnesses, who would come armed with wigs and so on, in order to keep their identity secret. Moreover, a new trial began on 21st of June, against him and his girlfriend, being accused of throwing a bottle at a cop during an antifascist rally in Dresden in 2005. Once again, the only solid proof is the words of two anonymous cops. On top of this, he was arrested a few days before his new imprisonment together with 7 other people and accused of arson, in a situation that was constructed by the police, which shows itself again as a template for groundless arrest against anybody. The reason for it is that more than 100 arsons happened to occur in Berlin within the last 5 months and the police have no clue about those responsible, therefore they try to get people clueless and try to frighten the rest. After being locked up in a low security prison, Hakenfelde, waiting to know about whether he might be able to go out daily to attend his classes and get better healthcare, he suddenly was ghosted to Tegel prison, the main Berlin prison for people with longer sentences. This is ■ clear political decision to negate the possibility for him to access day leave (being able to leave the prison for the day to work etc), made by the social worker Mrs.Schlagge and the director of his former prison Uwe Meyer-Odewald. They refuse to give any reason for their decision. It was actually through ■ posting on the local Indymedia by some Neo-Nazi that people managed to know about this new development. A Neo-Nazi who was imprisoned in the same former prison where Christian was, told his fellow scumbags that Christian would be moved to this new jail, and the news spread among them so that some of those losers posted deaththreats against him. Neither his lawyer, nor his wife had been personally informed about this move. Another a clear sign again how prison authorities will try to make Christians life hard in the future. He is at the moment with 5 other people ■ a cell, has one hour of yard time and can get only one hour of visits each month. You can write him letter or postcards or send info-material inside. He likes especially any anarchist or autonomous kind of publication. For sending him books, it would be better to send it to our address and we will take

care to re-direct them to him. Christian can read German, English and get along somehow with Spanish. His current address:

Christian Sümmermann

Bnr: 441/08/5

JVA Plötzensee

Lehrter Str. 61

10557 Berlin

You can support him by sending money to this German account:

ssb e.v.

Kontonummer: 1591 9683 00

BLZ 1001 0111

Stichwort: Patenschaft Christian

We are not surprised at all about the deafness of the prison system towards his situation.

In 2006 alone, more than 50 people committed suicide or died in Berlin's prisons, also following a lack of medical treatment. Prisons serves exactly one aim: mental and physical annihilation. Christian is again one of those who will be subjected to this because he refused to bow to society's rules. Such things as setting a barricade alight in order to stop a Nazi-march, or any other form of resistance against capitalist society, are a necessary part of our daily fight towards the destruction of State and Capital. Therefore those who get caught in the cages of the State deserve all our support to show they are not alone and their fight - as well as their means - are ours. Towards a society without prisons- Freedom for Christian - Freedom for all! *Source : Berlin ABC*

Barcelona, Catalonia - Criminal charges for Barcelona anti-fascist rioters. Four people have been charged with public disorder and attacking the police, after an unpermitted anti-fascist rally turned into a mild riot. Over 1000 anti-fascists gathered ■ Placa Universitat in central Barcelona on the 17th November, six days after Neo-Nazis in Madrid killed 16 year old anti-fascist Carlos Javier Palomina. That day, a group of anti-fascists attacked a group of Nazis in the metro on their way to a fascist rally ■ the center of the Spanish capital. One of the Nazis had a knife, and killed Carlos with a stab through the lung, also seriously injuring another anti-fascist. That Nazi and several others were heavily beaten by the anti-fas, and five of them, including the alleged murderer, were arrested by police. Later ■ the day anti-fascists attacked the rally, which was guarded by police. In Barcelona, a spontaneous demo was organized the same day, and ■ larger protest planned for the 17th. Over 1000 people showed up, including anarchists, anti-racist skinheads, Anti-Fascist Action, queer anti-fa activists, and others. Shortly after moving out, the march began to attack police with firecrackers, sticks, bottles, and construction equipment requisitioned from the streets. The police were unable to control the march, which roamed to the head of Barcelona's main tourist street, Las Ramblas, and then on to Placa

Urquinaona, where anti-fas attacked a small group of police guarding the entryway of the office of the Interior. After beating on the police for several minutes, demonstrators were chased off by a charge of several police vans straight into the march. Police managed to arrest 7 protestors, while reinforcements hunted the scattering march throughout the city. Demonstrators pulled dumpsters into the streets in hasty barricades to slow down the police pursuit. Ten demonstrators had to be taken to the hospital, and numerous others were injured. Police first reported ten injuries, with one cop knocked unconscious, but later claimed 22 injuries, probably in an effort to gain heavier prosecution and justify their use of force. All the police in the area were heavily armoured. The same day in Madrid, another thousand people gathered and took over the central square. *Source : P.G*

Switzerland - Racist right-wing party secures record Swiss vote. In October 07, the right-wing Swiss People's Party won the most votes ever recorded in a general election in Switzerland after mounting a virulent anti-foreigner campaign widely denounced as racist. The SVP, led by the controversial billionaire and Swiss Justice Minister Christoph Blocher, 67, won 29 per cent of the vote in Sunday's general election and seven extra seats in the national parliament. The final result published yesterday by Switzerland's Federal Statistics Office firmly secured the controversial SVP's position as the largest party in the Swiss parliament. "We have reached the highest score in the history of Switzerland's present day electoral system," said Ueli Maurer, the SVP party president after the result. Mr Blocher's populist campaign was dominated by the single issue of immigration. His party's election posters featured three white sheep standing on a red and white Swiss national flag kicking ■ black sheep out of the country. Alongside ran the slogan "More Security!". The SVP's campaign caused considerable unease in Switzerland's large immigrant community and previous to the result the left-wing autonomists and anarchists caused considerable rioting and destruction at an SVP election rally in Bern. However the anti-foreigner rhetoric clearly appealed to voters, particularly in Switzerland's rural districts. *Source : Various*

Berlin, Germany - Solidarity with Imprisoned Berlin Anti-Fascist Andrea! On the 1.12.07 the Berlin anti-fascist Andrea has been arrested by plainclothes cops of LKA's political branch. She was in a neighbourhood in southeast Berlin where a Neo-Nazi demonstration was taking place. For five months she managed successfully to avoid her imprisonment, which should have happened already on the 2nd of August. She will have now to spend her next 14 months behind the bars and therefore she absolutely needs all our support from outside the walls. After one and half week spent in the prison of Lichtenberg, Andrea has been transferred by surprise on the 11th to the prison of Pankow. Through this she lost a visit she had already applied for, and now she had to apply again for all the usual things like mail, sport, visits..

A bit of history : On the 12.07 the Munich local court sentenced her to 4 months without probation. She had a pepperspray on her. Even

though on that day there was no lefty demonstration taking place, and therefore it was legal to carry a pepperspray, the court said that on that day a "state of exception" had been declared. Of course they forgot to inform the rest of the population about this. Following this sentence, she faced also the loss of ■ precedent probation of three months, back then being caught with some eggs full of pepper during an anti-fascist action on 1st of May 2005, ■ Berlin. During a process on 31st of July, under which several accusations against her got regrouped, she has been sentenced to five months more. She has been accused of participating within an action of the "Überflüssigen" (an autonomous group active mainly on the theme of precarity) against the racist immigration office in Berlin-Lichtenberg; In October 2006, for a blockade attempt against ■ Neo-Nazi march in August 2006; For masking up during the protests against a Neo-Nazi demonstration towards the prison of Tegel in solidarity with Michael Regner "Lunikoff" (singer of a famous Neo-Nazi band, serving a couple of years in that prison), ■ October 2006. On top of this come two months without probation following a squatting action in the Liebigstrasse, Berlin-Friedrichshain.

These sentences are clearly political ones, meaning that an engaged and unwilling to bow activist has been sent down for quite sometime. Write her letters and postcards:

Andrea Neff

Bnr: 746/07/2

Justizvollzugsanstalt für Frauen in Berlin

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Deutschland

For money donation:

Rote Hilfe e.V.

Kontonummer: 7189590600

BLZ: 100 200 00 Berliner Bank

Verwendungszweck: Soli Andrea

Solidarity actions are of course always welcomed!

Source : Berlin ABC

UK - Self-harm and suicides in UK Immigration centres and youth prisons. Every other day a detainee incarcerated in a UK Immigration Removal Centre (IRC), makes an attempt at self-harm (suicide), serious enough to require medical treatment. In the 10 months from April 2006 to January 2007 there were 176 attempts to self-harm that required medical treatment. That is one incident of self-harm every 1.7 days. In the same period, 1,643 detainees were put on 'Formal Self-Harm at Risk'. Detainees and campaigners believe the actual numbers are way higher than those reported. Since the first Immigration Removal Centre opened ■ the UK, there have been 10 deaths from self-harm. On the 30 of November, Liam McManus, ■ young lad from St. Helens, who had served half of a six week sentence for breaching ■ supervision order hung himself in his cell. He "had not been identified as being at risk" by the prison authorities according to a liberal NGO 'Inquest'. It is deeply shocking that a 15-year-old boy felt so utterly desperate he was found hanged in his cell, it raises very fundamental questions about the fact that this country imprisons more children than any other industrial demographic country in the world. The teenager, who died on Thursday, was the 30th child to die in custody in England and Wales since 1990. Child custody rates in England and Wales are among the highest in Western Europe. Since 1993 the number of 15 to 17 year olds in custody has risen by 90%; the

number of under 14 year olds detained has gone up 800%. This boy's death not only raises questions about the use of custody for children, but of prisons themselves and the moralistic crusade to fill them, leading to increasing imprisonment, brutalisation and suicides at the hands of prison officers, private security and ultimately the politicians themselves, who bear a responsibility for each and every attempted suicide, death and incident of abuse and self-harm. According to the statistics, 1 person per week is killed by the police forces of England and Wales alone and at least 10 more in UK state custody dying an untimely death (i.e. inside prisons, mental health institutions, detention camps etc.).

Source : Various

Girona, Catalonia - The Spanish State condemns two Catalan political activists for burning a picture of the Spanish king in public. After a long campaign of support and solidarity throughout the Catalan Countries, on November 20th, a judge in the National Audience court in Madrid, condemned Jaume Roura and Enric Stern to 2.730 euros, instead of 15 months imprisonment as first requested, for burning the picture of the Spanish king during a demonstration in Girona due to the monarch's visit to the city some previous months. Both Jaume and Enric admitted responsibility for the actions. The judge expressed uneasiness at the fact that they spoke in Catalan and commented that as Spanish citizens they had the obligation to know and speak the Spanish language and, even not understanding the detainees' statements, he never provided a translator. Support gatherings were held during the trial outside court and throughout the Catalan Countries. This is not the only open file against 'injuries to the crown'. The judge Fernando Grande-Marlaska keeps an open file of another 18 youths who participated in a protest, also in Girona, on September 22nd. The anti-repressive organisation Alerta Solidària has complained that the Catalan regional police, Mossos d'Esquadra, aid the repressive institutions by keeping unlawful political files on hundreds of activists.

Source : Catalan Solidarity

Spain - Solidarity with Antonio and Rafa, imprisoned in FIES isolation units! Since some time, in the new maxi-prison of Puerto III, several FIES prisoners are struggling to expose the brutal conditions ■ the isolation wings of Puerto III. One of the FIES prisoners is the anarchist prisoner Antonio Rubiales Puerto. (Antonio Rubiales is a friend of another anarchist prisoner Rafael Martinez Zea - they were both imprisoned in Badajoz prison before, and are now both in Puerto III (Rafael in 2nd degree). They are also both involved in a court case: a year and a half ago, Antonio was charged with the murder of another prisoner, a frame-up, he says; Zea is the only prisoner willing to testify before court on his behalf. This court case is scheduled to take place in the near future.) Rafael Martinez Zea is a social anarchist prisoner in Spain who would like to correspond with other anarchists and get more involved with the anarchist movement.

He understands, reads and writes in Spanish and English - Rafa used to live in Australia for years before returning to Spain - and is willing to do translation work in both languages. He is a friend of Gabriel Pombo da Silva. In January and April of this year he was on hungerstrike; the first one in solidarity with prisoners in Spain and Turkey who struggle against the isolation units, the second one - which he won - for some specific demands about his prison conditions (return of all his materials which must enable him to continue his studies). In December '07, Rafa also participated in hungerstrikes in solidarity with Italian prisoners against jail terms over 20 years, and also another hungerstrike in solidarity with Turkish prisoners in the 'F type' isolation units there. You can write to Antonio and Rafael at the following address: (Rafael knows English, Antonio only Castilian)

Antonio Rubiales Puerto (M 15)

Rafael Martinez Zea

C.P. Puerto de Santamaria III

Crtra. Jerez-Rota, Km ■

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Cadiz

Spain

Chile - Mapuche Student Shot Dead; Political Prisoner Slowly Dying From Hunger Strike.

Police Brutality in "Democratic" Chile. A peaceful protest by the Mapuche met a bloody end on 3rd January when police opened fire into the crowd, killing 22-year-old university student Matias Catrileo Quezada. The young Mapuche man was shot in the back upon retreating, when Chilean police began firing indiscriminately into the crowd with machine guns. Among the protestors were elderly civilians and children, and it was a miracle that nobody else was killed.

The ensuing civil outcry has been met with yet more unnecessary police brutality, which has resulted in many protestors being injured and detained, including Matias Catrileo's mother, Monica Quezada, his sister, and various other members of his family. On the 9th January, in the city of Temuco, Monica Quezada was arrested along with 16 other protestors during a march condemning the murder of her son by the police. The tension between the Mapuche people and the Chilean authorities has been growing since the 10th of October 2007, when six Mapuche political prisoners went on hunger strike and were subsequently ignored by their government. The prisoners originally agreed to stop their protest upon the intervention of Bishop Camilo Vial, who organised a mediation between the Mapuche and the government in an effort to clarify the conditions concerning their imprisonment. Including why the authorities had decided to use the Anti-Terrorism Law, a relic from the time of the Pinochet dictatorship that only last year the President had promised never again to use upon the Mapuche. The Chilean government agreed to this mediation, and on the 17th December the negotiations were supposed to start. With this agreement, all but one of the prisoners, Patricia Troncoso, stopped their hunger strike. Patricia decided that she would wait until the talks began to take place, and she was sure of the government's integrity in this situation, before she joined them. And she was right to do so, as this agreement has apparently now been forgotten. Patricia Troncoso is now being kept alive by a saline drip. She has been on hunger strike for 93 days. According to the latest medical report issued on the 7th January 2008, Patricia has lost 26.2% of her original weight, is suffering from cramps, slowed heart rate, respiratory difficulties,

and has a very weak pulse. The mental examination found that she is speaking very slowly, she is disorientated, and she is drifting in and out of consciousness. The prognosis for her future shows that, even if she were to stop this now, she would still never fully recover. Her body has suffered too much damage to be able to return to its former health. Patricia continues her protest, but she is dying. Patricia's private doctor, Doctor Berna Castro Rojas, advises that her patient be kept in the hospital permanently, rather than the current situation of traveling back and forth from prison. She also states that Patricia should be undergoing at least daily examinations, but that this is not happening. She is being neglected. In her final report, Doctor Castro Rojas requested that Patricia be immediately interned in a hospital that would guarantee her life, have doctors continuously accessible, and respect her rights of protest. The present outrage felt by the Mapuche communities has been expressed through many public protests. These demonstrations, though passionate, have not been violent on the side of the Mapuche; however, they have been aggressively broken up by the 'military police', who have used water cannons to disperse the crowds, and have beaten and arrested countless Mapuche and supporters, including children. The result of this is that the tension is continuing to escalate. *Source : Mapuche International*

Barcelona, Catalonia - Repression and resistance. On 22 December, anarchists in Barcelona began a twenty-four hour hunger-strike and occupation of the Plaza St. Jaume, in front of the city government building, in solidarity with Italian prisoners and the 4F. Since 1 December, 700 Italian prisoners with life sentences and 4200 others have been on hunger strike, demanding an abolition of life sentences, which they describe as a slow death sentence carried out one day at a time. Police in Barcelona have carried out around 200 evictions this year. Many new occupations have occurred, but the total number of squats in Barcelona has fallen from nearly 300 to just over 200, since January. On Monday, 17 December, police came without any warning to evict a house in the neighborhood of San Andreu. After roughly removing the occupants, they tore down the roof of the house without allowing to recover any of their belongings. On Wednesday, 19 December, several more people were made homeless for the holidays with another illegal eviction in the Clot neighborhood. About 50 police came to evict the small apartment, which had not received any notice of an eviction process. *Source : P.G*

Portugal - Solidarity with Antonio Ferreira de Jesus. Our friend, 67 years old, born in a poor family, was discontent with the surrounding social realities, he realized his protest in practice and ended up to prison in first time when 17 years old. Since then, he was illegally incarcerated five more times - by fascist regime of Portugal (until 1974) and by current democratic state. He used his time inside by reading, self-educated by gathering more knowledge on the world around. Antonio is a self-learned libertarian. Among the acts for which he was accused and sentenced are expropriations from ruling classes, and storming of death camp "Prison Escola de Leiria" - after

this he was stolen years from his life. He was also sentenced for murdering a guard of a factory when defending himself, and of arson against the same factory. His last sentence, totally unproven and totally in a conflict with procedural norms he got in a fantastic process, he was accused of kidnapping a heroin courier, who was wanted by authorities, and for participation in robberies. Since the year 2005 he has been transferred twice. First time for participation in a strike of prisoners against a "reform" in prison, which worsened conditions of the prisoners. In order to crush the strike, a number of prisoners were taken to other prisons. Antonio was moved to North of Portugal, as far as possible from people who were supporting him: almost all of them were living in the South. Then there came a new order and he was sent to prison of "Pinheiro da Cruz". Reasons for this are unclear. Meanwhile he had his first parole hearing, although he had been eligible for parole for two years already. It was always very difficult to find a lawyer for him, but back then he could find one. But soon he was moved to "Pinheiro da Cruz", and denied parole. Soon Antonio applied for a temporary leave from prison (this may allow up to 8 days leave), which was also denied. We do not know how judges and prisoncrats motivated the denial, but we know that such a refusal is an unusual phenomena. Many prisoners, who were sent to "Pinheiro da Cruz" after him, got a permission for a temporary leave and parole. Since then, two more appeals of him for a temporary leave have been denied, and he is expecting yet another decision on parole. Hearing should have taken place 24th of July already, but Judge decided otherwise.

This far the only message which Antonio has received from judges, is that half of this sentence will be done in May of 2008! According to his lawyer, such calculation of half of his term is illegal - half of the term should be half of the number of days from beginning to end of the prison term (rather logical, isn't it?). If this court statement would be correct, sentence of Antonio should be 28 years, whereas the maximum sentence according to Portugal laws is 25 years. All this speaks about life sentence, given by the system. If we compare the case of Antonio with the practice with other prisoners, Antonio should have been released 4 years ago already!

Persecution of Antonio has clear personal and political motivation. There is no any reasons to refuse temporary leave from him, but these reasons are figured out by the system, and the very same with his parole. As a person, who never quits fighting for his rights and consciousness, who never lets his mouth to be shut, who is always active in resistance against the prison regime, Antonio is discriminated by the machinery of "Justice". For this he has spent more than 43 years in prison, and is considered by the prison system as one of the most dangerous prisoners in Portugal. He uncovered violations of human rights and corruption from side of prisoncrats, he was also testifying in a court case, where prison officials were accused of the

murder of a fellow prisoner. His stay in prison is a constant risk to his life, already for a long time he has been constantly threaten with being murdered and is horribly tortured. Taking into account all of this, and also because we are against any prisoners, a collective to support Antonio Ferreira is organising an international campaign to free Antonio.

First thing to do is to spread information on situation facing him. It must be spread as wide as possible. All translations of this text and other texts on Antonio are welcome! Contact us for any new information and propositions and for exchange of ideas: antonioferreira(at)no-log.org.

If you wish to write, or to send stuff (books, journals, materials for maintaining correspondence, food, clothes or anything that could be useful), or you would like to visit him, this is the address of Antonio in prison:

Antonio Ferreira de Jesus

E P Pinheiro da Cruz

7570 Grandola

PORTUGAL

Source : libertemferreira.no.sapo.pt

Barcelona, Catalonia - March to Wad-ras womens prison. Around 50 people participated on October 27th in the march organised by Rescat to the Wad-Ras prison, where Catalan political prisoner Laura Riera was moved last August. During the march participants shouted slogans in favor of the release of political prisoners. Police presence was clearly visible all the time. At the end of the march, at the arrival to the prison, in front of a police security cord, a statement was made from Rescat and another one from Laura was read. To finalize the day of action, a solidarity dinner was organised. Later on in the evening there was a mobilization to the men's prison La Modelo and about 300 people participated. Here is Laura Riera's statement that was read at the march to Wad-Ras:

"Salut comrades, Once again it's only the thickness of the prison wall that separates us from one another. It's only the bricks that prevents us to be closer physically. However, for me, for us all, this is a re-encounter!!!! We know that actions such as this one, are a show of cheer, of strength and of fighting spirit. Some months ago we met in Picassent and now we meet in the old working class area of Poble Nou (Barcelona). Some months back I was along with Diego (partner) and now with Didac (son) a baby who gives me more reasons to keep struggling for people's self-determination and social justice in the world. As myself, as well as you all do, we struggle for a future where Didac and his people will live in freedom and equality. We know that this is not easy but we are ready to keep going, to preserve our truth, in our desires, in our victory! I'd like you all to know that from the window in my wing I can see the graffiti that reads: "Libertad Laura Riera, Pres@s a la Calle!" (Freedom for Laura Riera, prisoners on the street). And things as such as well as the march today, being beside my son, it's what keeps me going in our struggle, amongst you all, amongst my people!!! TO STRUGGLE: IT'S THE ONLY WAY"

Laura Riera.

Source : Catalan Solidarity



USA - FBI admits cell phone mic is eavesdropping tool. The FBI has confirmed the use of mobile phones for electronic surveillance in criminal investigations: remotely activating a mobile phone's microphone and using it to eavesdrop on nearby conversations. The technique is called a "roving bug," and was approved by top U.S. Department of Justice officials for use against members of a New York organized crime family who were wary of conventional surveillance techniques such as tailing a suspect or wiretapping him. Nextel cell phones owned by two alleged mobsters, John Ardito and his attorney Peter Peluso, were used by the FBI to listen in on nearby conversations. The surveillance technique came to light in an opinion piece by U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan. He ruled that the "roving bug" was legal because federal wiretapping law is broad enough to permit eavesdropping even of conversations that take place near a suspect's cell phone. While the Genovese crime family prosecution appears to be the first time a remote-eavesdropping mechanism has been used in a criminal case, the technique has been discussed in security circles for years. The U.S. Commerce Department's security office warns that "a cellular telephone can be turned into a microphone and transmitter for the purpose of listening to conversations in the vicinity of the phone." An article in the Financial Times last year said mobile providers can "remotely install a piece of software on to any handset, without the owner's knowledge, which will activate the microphone even when its owner is not making a call." Nextel and Samsung handsets and the Motorola Razr are especially vulnerable to software downloads that activate their microphones, said James Atkinson, a counter-surveillance consultant who has worked closely with government agencies. "They can be remotely accessed and made to transmit room audio all the time," he said. "You can do that without having physical access to the phone."

Because modern handsets are miniature computers, downloaded software could modify the usual interface that always displays when a call is in progress. The spyware could then place a call to the FBI and activate the microphone - all without the owner knowing it happened. "A mobile sitting on the desk of a politician or businessman can act as a powerful, undetectable bug ... enabling them to be activated at a later date to pick up sounds even when the receiver is down.", "If a phone has in fact been modified to act as a bug, the only way to counteract that is to either have a bugswapper follow you around 24-7, which is not practical, or to peel the battery off the phone," Atkinson said. Security-conscious corporate executives routinely remove the batteries from their cell phones, he added, to prevent covert listening and location details. Software exploits, tools and viruses are circulating amongst hackers that have similar features to the government software. Illegal 'Bluetooth' software exploits are already becoming common, enabling you to steal pictures, view texts, contacts.

Soon users will be able to tap fones, get all their numbers, find their location, view pictures, texts, turn microphone and camera on, view contacts, view their details, etc. All through your fone or PC, whilst a growing number of private sector internet based services offer similar programs.
Source : Various

China - Government to Deploy World's Largest People Tracking Network. The Chinese government intends to enforce 20,000 surveillance cameras with facial recognition and wireless ID cards, backed by a database containing minute details of a person's life (religion, ethnicity, police record, medical records, landlord's phone number, travel payments, even purchases). Officially aimed at fighting crime but will also help the Communist Party retain power. The UK Government's ID card/ National Identity Register plans are very similar. At least 20,000 police surveillance cameras are being installed along streets in southern China and will soon be guided by sophisticated computer software from an American-financed company to recognize automatically the faces of police suspects and detect unusual activity. Starting this month in a port neighborhood and then spreading across Shenzhen, a city of 12.4 million people, residency cards fitted with powerful computer chips programmed by the same company will be issued to most citizens.

Data on the chip will include not just the citizen's name and address but also work history, educational background, religion, ethnicity, police record, medical insurance status and landlord's phone number. Even personal reproductive history will be included, for enforcement of China's controversial "one child" policy. Plans are being studied to add credit histories, subway travel payments and small purchases charged to the card. Both steps are officially aimed at fighting crime and developing better controls on an increasingly mobile population, including the nearly 10 million peasants who move to big cities each year. But they are aimed at helping the Communist Party retain power by maintaining tight controls on a population at a time when street protests are becoming more common. "If they do not get the permanent card, they cannot live here, they cannot get government benefits, and that is a way for the government to control the population in the future," said Michael Lin, the vice president for investor relations at China Public Security Technology, the company providing the technology. *Source : Various*

Italy - 'Il Silvestre' trial news. Italian eco-anarchist 'Il Silvestre' prisoner Costantino Ragusa (who was imprisoned accused of anti-GM crops, anti-multinational, and COR (Offensive Revolutionary Cells) activity) has been released from prison under house arrest. Apparently there were some irregularities in the latest 'Il Silvestre' trial (the anti-nuclear power trial) and so that trial has been nullified. A new trial for

Costantino and all his co-defendants is expected in April. However, despite Costantino's release, please remember to send support to the last two remaining Il Silvestre prisoners:

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Source : ELP

UK - Hi-tech drugs testing machine on the streets. A machine that takes just seconds to discover if people have been using drugs was tested for the first time on clubbers queuing at a club in Oxford in September. Just one swab of a person's hand is swiped by a computer which can tell police and doorstaff whether that person has been in contact with any illegal drug. Police will also use the device during raids of suspects' homes to see if they have been committing crime to fund their habits. Pc Leigh Thompson, police drugs co-ordinator for Oxfordshire, said: "The itemiser is a major advance in the technology we can employ in the fight against illegal drug use." The machine can also analyse samples taken from clubbers' hands, mobile phones, wallets or purses. All five who tested positive at the weekend were refused entry to the club and searched, but were not found to be in possession of drugs. When questioned two admitted using cocaine earlier in the evening but no one was arrested or cautioned. The pig said "The itemiser will also be used to target drug criminals - it will be used on every search warrant we carry out and give us evidence of suspects' contact with controlled substances." Previously police relied on using sniffer dogs.
Source : Various

Berlin, Germany - Turkish fascists riot against left-wing Kurds. The international crisis in October '07 between the Turkish state and Kurdish rebels in Northern Iraq led to massive Turkish fascist riots against Kurds in Berlin, Germany. The riots started when the peaceful demonstration "Unity and Tolerance among Turks and Kurds", where thousands of both peoples took part, were attacked by Turkish fascists. The fascist riots were organized by the "Grey Wolves", a well known aggressive Turkish fascist organization. Kurds and left wing people were hunted by them. They threw stones and bottles and some had knives. A Kurdish club room was attacked for hours, 50 people were locked in. Police didn't get the situation under control all afternoon until nightfall. *Source: Indymedia*

UK - Letter Bombs sent in protest against British state control and surveillance. An 'Indeterminate sentence' was given to Miles Cooper who sent seven letter bombs, five of which exploded, injuring eight people, to three forensic science laboratories, a computer company, an accountancy firm, the DVLA and an individual involved in security for vivisection company. He denies intending to cause injury.

The locations were Abingdon in Oxfordshire, Culham near Abingdon, Birmingham, Folkestone in Kent, Victoria in central London, Wokingham in Berkshire, and Swansea. He said the letters he sent containing explosive devices were intended to cause fear rather than harm. They were sent, he added, to organisations that are connected to government control, surveillance and monitoring. "I was hoping to achieve a bomb scare, to shut down a building, but cause no real harm to any individual.", "The overall goal was to shut down certain departments in certain buildings and ultimately to highlight my cause ... If you give a small group of people [the government] too much power, they will eventually end up abusing it.", "Based on what I learned at school and learned from history books, an authoritarian state eventually develops, and free speech is stifled," Cooper told the court. He said his decision to abandon peaceful methods of protest was "not an easy step to make". But he said he made the transition "as it became more and more obvious that the government was not going to listen to peaceful protesters and, in fact, they were starting to use anti-terror legislation against them", "Throughout history it has happened over and over again in many other countries." Referring to the issue of Britain being a "surveillance society", he said: "We are one of the most watched societies on the planet."

Source : Various



Russia - Anti-fascist in Moscow stabbed by Nazis on Valentine's Day. On February 14th an antifascist activist was heavily wounded in Moscow by Nazi scum. Now he is in hospital in a critical state and needs money for serious treatment. This St Valentine's day sexual minorities of Moscow were planning to have a little procession on one of the central squares of the city. But before the event it was heard that Nazi boneheads were planning to ambush the parade. Representatives of sexual minorities rights community called for help from Moscow antifascists. On the day of the event a big mob of Nazis indeed showed up at the place of the procession. But instead of gays and lesbians a crowd of about 50 antifascist skinheads and punks appeared at the square and shoed the Nazis away. After this the parade commenced, covered by antifascist activists. But the Nazis managed to regroup and attack one of the antifascist skinheads, who was cut off from the main force.. The guy was beat up and stabbed heavily and ended up in the intensive care unit in hospital. His life is still in extreme danger now. Doctors say that even at the best he could stay in hospital for several months. You can send money through WebMoney:

Z260630952047 (dollars)
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After you send the money - please, send a notification about the transfer to this address:

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Europe - 'Non-Lethal Weapons' expansion to tackle dissidents and immigrants.

Several European governments are arming their police forces with a new range of "non-lethal weapons". Governments in France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and several other countries have ordered such weapons, or are about to, even though human rights groups are warning that the supposed "non-lethality" of the guns is a myth, and that they actually can kill people. The most widespread "non-lethal weapon" is the stun gun Taser, that discharges electric shocks. Technically that should only paralyze the person shot at, and cause intense pain but they can kill. In the most recent case earlier this month, Canadian police killed Robert Dziekanski, a Polish immigrant, in Vancouver airport, with a Taser stun gun. Despite such incidents, former German police officials publicly praise use of Taser stun guns against demonstrators as harmless yet efficient. So far in Germany, only special police commandos are equipped with such guns. Friedhelm Krueger-Sprengel, former official at the ministry of defense, says "the non-lethal weapons give police and army forces wider latitude in action." Krueger-Sprengel told IPS that "security forces can act against a rebellious population without pulling the weapons immediately. With the Taser guns for instance, police and army officers can impose themselves more easily, in the sense that their power has a larger spectrum, so that rebellious people cannot react against them." Rainer Wendt, director at the German Police Officers Union, says "the police need weapons that do not kill, but which hurt and cause wounds, in order to control demonstrations. Otherwise, we are declaring open season on our police officers in battles against violent demonstrators."

A rationale for non-lethal weapons was presented by Kay Nehm, former German attorney general, in July 2006 at a conference on 'Future Security' in Karlsruhe city, some 550 km southwest of Berlin. "The necessary assessment

(on home security) begins with the changing social underlying circumstances, namely the economic upheavals associated with globalization, and the smaller financial possibilities of governments and municipalities to meet the growing prosperity discrepancies between the have and have-nots in our society," Nehm said at that conference. According to Nehm, these social and economic upheavals, which others associate with imposition of neo-liberal economic policies, "will surely lead to more social sacrifices and difficulties, which represent new risks of fractures within society, and are the natural hotbed for radical, extremist, terrorist challenges."

These justifications for non-lethal weapons are a symbol of the repressive character of European and North American governments, and of their readiness to violently suppress protests against social injustice. The development and deployment of such weapons aims at securing the growing social inequality, at ensuring that the poor do not have a chance of showing their discontent against the rich. The aim of these weapons is to guarantee social borders, to install perennial control of movements, to restrict and suppress gatherings and quell dissenters.

In France, a Chinese immigrant woman was seriously wounded on the 14 September after police agents shot at her with Taser pistols. The police officers tried to question the woman, an irregular kitchen worker at a Japanese restaurant in Paris. As she resisted identification, they first shot at her with their stun weapons, and when that failed to subdue her, shot her dead. About 3,000 French police officers are equipped with Taser stun guns. But following the rebellion of immigrant youth during the autumn of 2005 in the suburbs of Paris, municipal authorities have been granted authorization from the central government to equip more of the police with such non-lethal weapons. The UK is extending the use of Tasers to allow all police officers not trained with firearms to handle Tasers. In Switzerland, the National Council (the national parliament) voted in early October to equip immigration police forces with the Taser stun gun for use against irregular immigrants who may resist deportation. Other non-lethal weapons being discussed in Europe are laser pistols that cause temporary blindness, bean bags, which are small bags shot from barrels containing up to 150 small shots, gases, sticky foams, heat emitting screens, and high-tone sirens audible only to people under a certain age. Robots which act as platforms for the non-lethal weapons and can be piloted from a remote distance are also being deployed.

Source : Various



Groningen, Holland - "Listening cameras" permanent. After a 12-month test phase, the northern Dutch city of Groningen has officially introduced new surveillance technology, the observation of public space with "listening cameras", as a regular feature. On 15 November, 11 cameras with microphones were installed which, according to Sound Intelligence Systems, the company producing them, ■ the first installation of its kind. Further, the company has told the public that the Ministry of Justice ■ planning to use the microphones for "prisoners with short-term sentences in group cells". Moreover, this system can be used to "create a file on unmasking troublemakers ■ the cells". The technology has already been used in "private" locations. The cameras were installed by the Dutch national railway company NS Spoorwegen on the international train between Amsterdam-Brussels. *Source : Statewatch*

Spain - Death of Josin. On November, 21, Jose Manuel Ferreira Quintas ('Josin') died in his cell in the prison of Villanubla. Another name on the ever longer list of FIES prisoners who died. Josin was a strong comrade and very active ■ the struggle against the FIES (hunger-strikes, letters, etc). Two years ago he was released and went to live with his girlfriend (a comrade who participated in the struggle from the street) and their new-born child. A month ago he ended up in prison again. The results of the autopsy are not known yet, but José suffered from a severe depression, and it might be he choose to die. But as said, this ■ not clear yet. Anyway, he enjoyed two years of 'freedom' in a much bigger prison, where, just as so many others who left us, he could not find what he was searching for... Prison often kills slowly. *RIP José.*

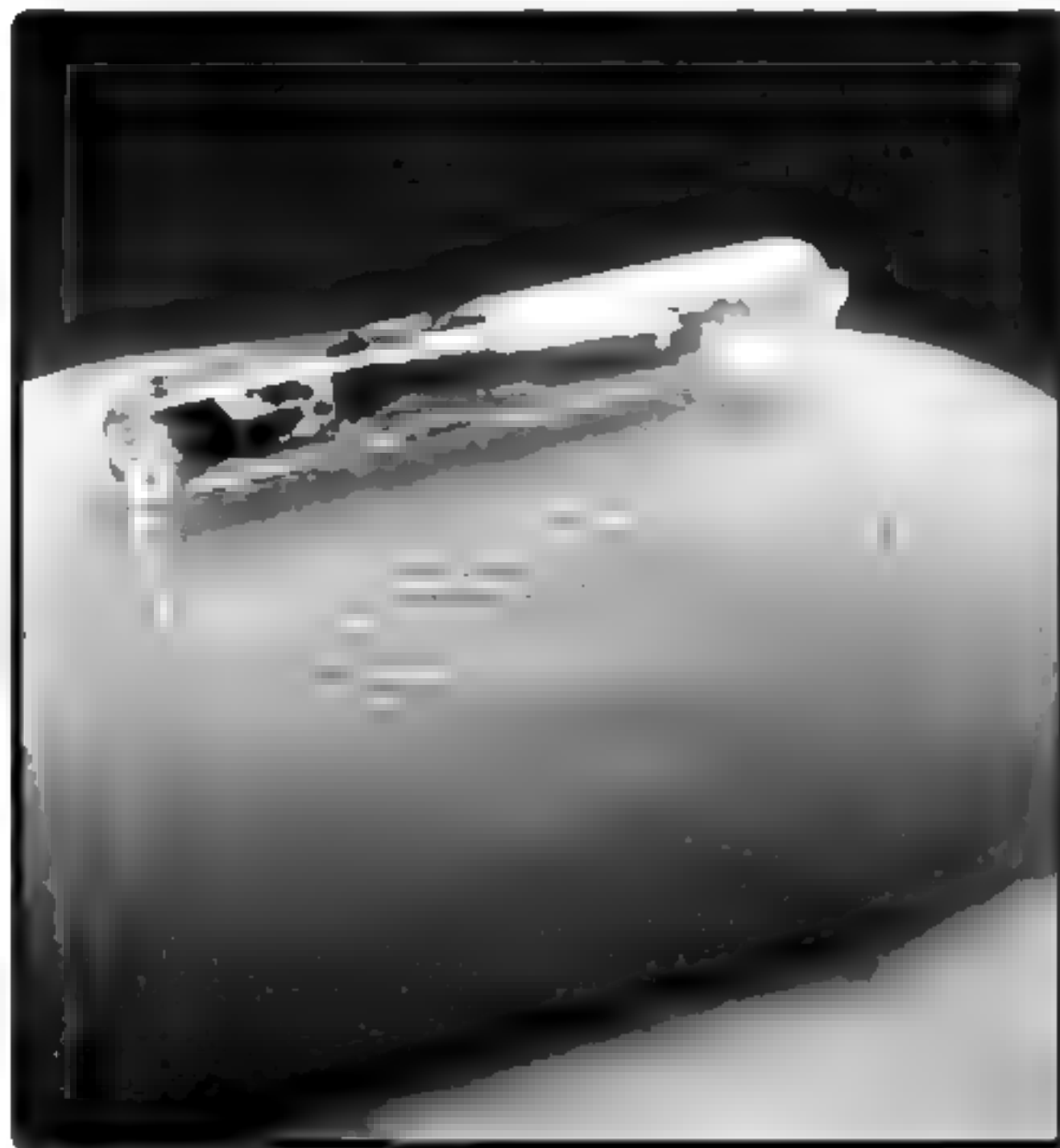
UK - 'Titan' jails to built for bursting system, Prisoners to be injected with RF ID spychips. The UK government ■ building 3 huge American style 'Titan' prisons designed to hold 2,500 prisoners each. The government claims the giant facilities will allow it to 'modernise the prison estate'. Titans have more in common with prison warehouses in the United States than with Britain's existing jails. They will be far bigger than anything built so far in Britain, but the prison building project has few supporters. A single Titan prison would almost match the capacity of the three prisons grouped together at the Isle of Sheppey - Swaleside, Elmley and Standford Hill - which currently hold 2,224 in total, and at least 3 jails further North will be merged under the plan. The locations of the Titans would be as close as possible to the regions where 'demand' for prison places outweighs the 'supply' - notably London, the West Midlands and the North West, although having large prisons in a few locations will inevitably lead to prisoners being placed far from family and communities. The use of new technologies to control riots and isolate areas of a jail will be "built in to the fabric of the building" according to the politicians. The use of cameras, electronic door operation and bio-metric scanning (the use of fingerprints or iris scanning to identify people) will be widespread

within the jail and there will be deliberate lack of human contact created between the prisoners. The country's prison population has doubled since 1993 to more than 81,000. More than 5,000 new prison places are to be created over the next seven years, but the short-term outlook of the project is dire and the nation could be short 3,000 places by the middle of next year according to an establishment sceptics. Former inmate Leonard Morris says the prisons are bursting. "They say it's overcrowded but they just keep piling them in," he said. "It's like two get released, two come in." The sheer amount of new laws passed by the Labour government and the increasingly intolerant police state atmosphere of the UK is ■ serious factor in the rise of prisoner numbers. Britain has the highest prison population in western Europe. For every 100,000 people, 148 are in jail - compared with 125 in Australia and 750 in the United States. Academic Andrew Coyle, professor of prison studies at London's King's College, says changes to sentencing are putting pressure on the prison system. "What is happening is that people who previously would not have been sentenced to prison are now being sentenced to prison," he said. "Also those who are being sentenced are going for much longer periods of time." Ten years ago, Britain bought a prison ship from the US to cope with overcrowded cells. It was sold last year, but now the government is said to be in the market for another floating jail. "I gather officials are now scouring the seas to find a prison ship, but these, I think, are simply nibbling at the edges of what the main problem is," he said.

prison overcrowding, the Ministry of Justice is investigating the use of satellite and radio-wave technology to monitor criminals. But, instead of being contained in bracelets worn around the ankle, the tiny chips would be surgically inserted under the skin of offenders, to help enforce home curfews. The radio frequency identification tags, as long as two grains of rice, are able to carry scanable personal information about individuals, including their identities, address and offending record. More than 17,000 criminals are subject to electronic monitoring now via bracelets but almost 2,000 of them manage to evade monitoring by tampering with the devices. A senior Ministry of Justice source, speaking to 'The Independent' newspaper, said: "We have wanted to take advantage of this technology for several years, because it seems a sensible solution to the problems we are facing in this area. We have looked at it and gone back to it and worried about the practicalities and the ethics, but when you look at the challenges facing the criminal justice system, it's time has come." ■ was absolutely predictable that they would enforce the chipping of prisoners first, after the animals; who, other than the anarchists, are going to object to whatever the society does to those who have broken the law? Capitalist technologies of social control are penetrating the body, soon enough you will not be able to participate fully in society unless you agree to be chipped in some way; no functioning chip will mean you will not be able to conduct transactions like banking or making purchases, no access to transport, utilities, telecommunications, specific physical places and areas, has this been the plan all along to erode the initial, rational resistance to chipping humans? Where this leads lies madness. *Source : Various*

EU - Biometric border checks and Passenger Name Record (PNR) data retention.

The European Commission will propose in February '08 two new systems for tracking and monitoring people entering the EU. One system will require airline passengers to register online before flying to Europe while the other system will use biometrics to track people entering and leaving the Union through air, land and sea borders. Last November the European Commission put forward a proposal for a EU-PNR scheme whereby airlines compile and pass over details of passengers to security agencies to check against watch-lists in real time. It is now proposed that in addition all passengers wanting to fly into the EU (both visitors and citizens) will have to get permission to travel. The story above also says that the Commission is intending to propose a third measure to take biometrics (fingerprints) of everyone entering and leaving the EU by air, land and sea. The proposals advise border data retention between internal state-to-state travel by EU citizens and others also. Let us be clear about the effect of these three proposals. Everyone - citizens and visitors travelling in and out of the EU is going placed under surveillance, have to get permission to enter and checked against international watch-lists whose scope is unknown, with data transferred to unspecified agencies in the EU and outside with records of movements held for years. *Source : Various*



Despite some amount of uproar, UK Ministers are planning to implant "machine-readable" tracking microchips under the skin of thousands of offenders as part of an expansion of the electronic tagging scheme that would create more space in British jails. Amid concerns about the security of existing tagging systems and

UK - Climate chaos affects Government

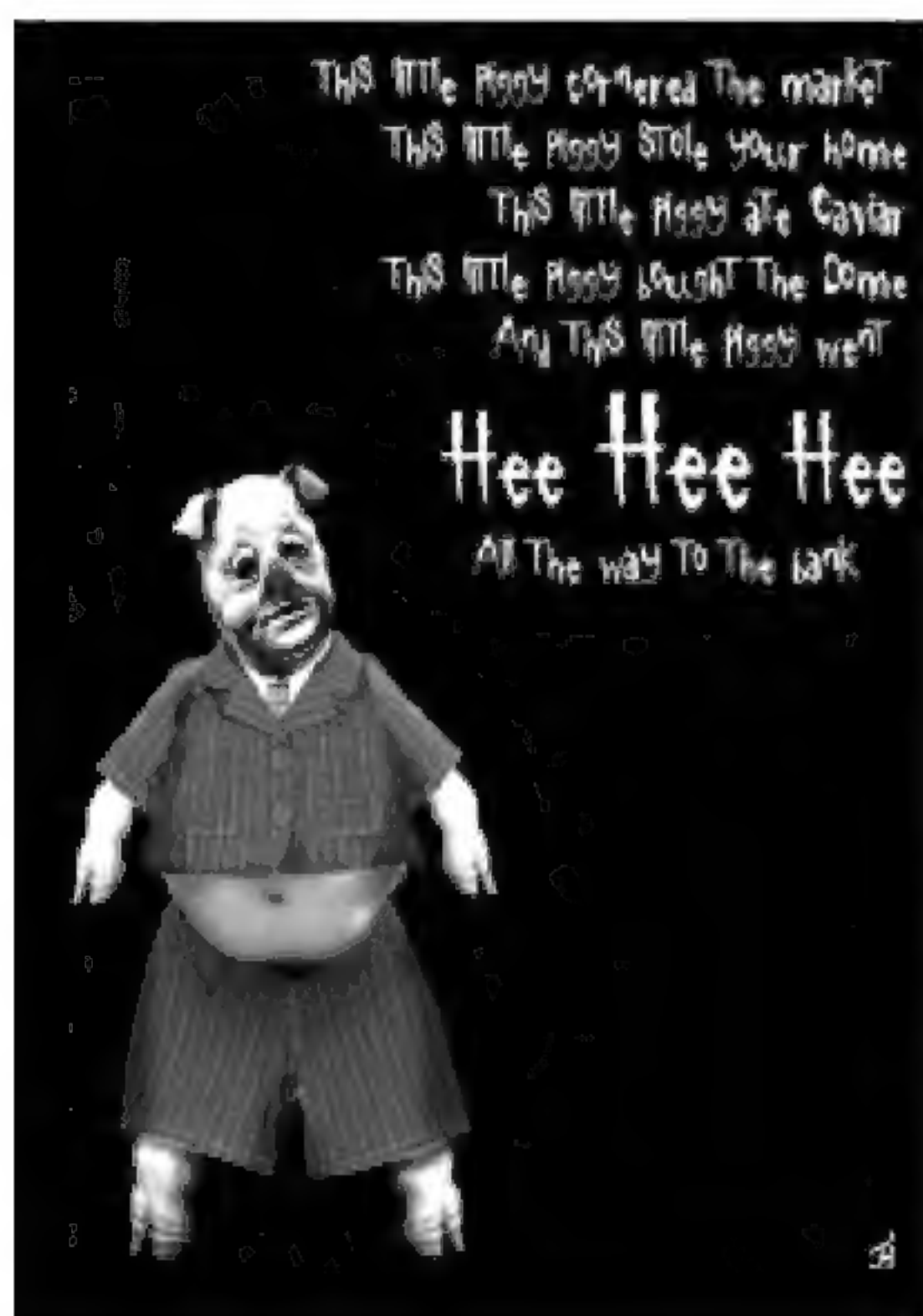
spycentre. The summer floods in the Gloucestershire region of England caused significant disruption to Government Communications Head Quarters (GCHQ) and its staff. Unfortunately, despite some serious problems in unprecedented conditions, GCHQ was able to maintain its most important operations but the State was concerned that, had the flooding continued for very much longer or been more severe, GCHQ's operations could have been even more severely disrupted. In light of these events, a review is planned. In a recent report by senior politicians about the intelligence services they refer to "vast sums of money" spent by GCHQ, the government's listening post based in Cheltenham, on an new eavesdropping programme but declined to say how much was involved. The only figure published was the overall official total spent by the three security agencies, (MI5, MI6, and GCHQ,) currently £1.8bn, rising to £2.1bn in three years. The report also admitted that last summer's floods in Gloucestershire caused "significant disruption" to GCHQ staff. A GCHQ spokesman claimed the concern was more about the water supply. The centre uses water coolers for its vast computers and there was concern over the possibility that intelligence staff would either be sent home or would be unable to come to work. *Source : Various*

Portugal - Over 700 prisoners illegally rendered to Guantanamo with the help of Portuguese government and others. As reported in previous issues in 325, the CIA has been 'disappearing' people from the streets of Europe and around the world, transferring them through Europe to Guantanamo Bay and other, more secretive 'Black Sites' off the map, in order to torture them. A recently released report by NGO 'Reprieve', conclusively shows that the Portuguese territory and airspace has been used to transfer over 700 prisoners to torture and illegal imprisonment in Guantanamo Bay. Reprieve is a UK rights organisation acting on behalf of rendition victims and it published a report on 28 January 2008, in which it uses flight logs obtained by Portuguese MEP Ana Gomes in 2006, to confirm that over 728 prisoners were flown to Guantanamo through

Portuguese airspace, and hence through Portuguese jurisdiction, in at least 28 flights. By cross-checking this data with the "in-process" records released by the US Department of Defence concerning Guantanamo detainees, who were weighed and measured on entry, with their date and time of entry recorded, Reprieve was able to conclude that 728 out of 774 prisoners weighed in were flown through Portuguese airspace, with at least 6 rendition aircraft having flown directly from Lajes airbase in the Azores to Guantanamo. The report names these 728 rendition victims, lists the flights in which they were flown to the detention centre, two of which stopped in airports and airbases in Spain (Moron de la Frontera and Rota) and Portugal (Santa Maria and Lajes, both in the Azores), with a large majority of the flights setting off from Turkey. The report also lists the passengers who were on board. Brief descriptions of the flight experienced by a few of those flown to Guantanamo are included in the report, including testimonies ranging from the conditions in which they were flown to their treatment in Guantanamo and during intermediate stages in the process, in Kandahar, Bagram airbase and other sites. For example, Sudanese Al Jazeera journalist Sami Muhideen Al-Haj (case a. in the report), seized in Afghanistan in December 2001 and flown from Kandahar to Guantanamo (via Turkey and Portuguese airspace), described the conditions in which he was flown: "The conditions of the flight were horrific. Our hands and legs were shackled, we had ear muffs on our ears, we had a mask on our face and we had goggles on our eyes, and the goggles were covered with paint so we couldn't see anything through them and we had mittens. I lost consciousness a few times because of the lack of oxygen. And the flight took 28 hours". *Source : Various*



been denounced widely by NGOs, left politicians, Chilean Officials and of course, the anarchists. Lanza and Cisternas were arrested on Feb. 4, 2006 for allegedly assaulting a member of Barcelona's Urban Guard in a street confrontation. During the scuffle, which took place when authorities started a fight outside an illegal rave, a pig received a serious head injury that police claim was caused by a rock thrown by Lanza. Despite lack of evidence and the official story changing frequently, at Thursdays ruling, Lanza was sentenced to four and a half years behind bars. Additionally, he will have to pay an indemnity of 950,795 euros (US\$1.4 million) for the injuries that he allegedly inflicted. Meanwhile, Cisternas will spend three years and three months in jail, but will not have to pay any fine. In spite of the court's decision, Lanza and Cisternas continue to insist that they and Argentine Juan Pintos Garrido, who was also on trial in the case, were only passing by when the incident occurred. The men allege they were beaten by police both on the street and at the police station, sustaining injuries that required them to be taken to the hospital. They said that after returning from the hospital, they were beaten again and referred to as "sudacas," a derogatory term for South Americans. Lanza, Cisternas, and Pintos were held without bail for nearly two years. The six Europeans also charged in the case, on the other hand, were released on bail. The main witness was a police officer who is suspected of having tortured the defendants. "Arbitrariness and xenophobia have triumphed over justice. Lies have triumphed over the truth." *Source: Various*



UK - Rise in telephone tapping.

The number of warrants issued for the interception of communications (eg phone-tapping / mail opening etc) - The figures in the latest report are for only nine months of 2006, however, when adjusted to give an annual figure these show that the total adjusted figures for the previous period give a total of 5,723 (ie: warrants issued plus the modifications) and the new adjusted figure shows a rise to an annual figure of 6,597. *Source : Statewatch*

Barcelona - 4F defendants convicted. A Spanish court on Thursday 7th February convicted two young Chilean citizens - Rodrigo Lanza Huidobro and Alex Cisternas Amestica - for the 2006 assault of a Spanish police officer. The decision drew a strong reaction from Chilean officials, with many insisting the ruling was based on "lies" and "discrimination." The case has

>> Some useful websites:

statewatch.org
abc-eur.net
brightonabc.org.uk
myspace.com/leedsabc
abc-berlin.net
reibillun.blogspot.org
informa-azione.info
alternativs2prison.ik
geocities.com/anarcoces
wombles.org.uk
spiritoffreedom.org.uk
klinamen.org
directactiongr.blogspot.com
athens.indymedia.org
ecoprisoners.org

The use of the imagination

Part 1

"the literal is the enemy"

James Hillman



"the imagination is the root of human reality."

Marc Fonda

The faculty we know as imagination is the fundamental process whereby we structure our world. It is the facility of human consciousness that allows us to model the universe inside our own heads and then to project this outward, reinterpreting the experience as sense data.

For example, when you look with your eyes upon the world you perceive the world 'out there'. Although we know that the light hitting the receptive cells of the eye, generating an electro-chemical interaction within the brain is the basis of seeing, for this event to have any use and any meaning (as a perception of the outside world) it must be broadcast outward into the world. The screen upon which we project our perceptions is imagination; it is the necessary condition of experience.

Imagination is the basis of social interaction. As well as creating my world I come to create an interpenetrating world that is yours. I know that the contents of your mind are similar and yet different to mine. I may know that I know something that you cannot. Without this understanding, I am autistic, unable to develop a full theory of mind, limited in my empathy.

We know that our imagination, or perception of the world, can be easily altered, even manipulated. We are all aware of not seeing the wood for the trees, of hallucinations, misperceptions and of being tricked. With this in mind we may seek to transcend our imagined world, to invent systems of action that seek to know the Real World, shorn of the fallibility of perception.

Through experimental science we have tried to do this, through the production of the laboratory. This approach yields many interesting results, the reliability of which is a testament to the remarkable interpenetration of our subjective realities.

However, the very act of making scientific models is predicated on the imaginative substrate that experimentation seeks to get around. Moreover, as modern physics leads us to believe, the observer and the observed are inseparable. The perception of objective distinction, of Self from Other or of experimenter from subject is itself an imaginative fallacy...



BRIEF History Of KINAIYAHAN UNAHON collective

Rooted from the punk scene way back in 2002, a small group of individuals decided to form a small collective aimed to promote ideas of insurrection. And so was the Davao Anarchist Resistance Movement. It was an affinity group engaging in direct and legal action, who had several umbrella's dealing with



different issues: animal rights(Animal Resistance Movement), radical ecology (Earth First! Davao), workers rights, do-it-yourself ethics, alternative economics and anti-capitalism (FOOD NOT BOMBS DAVAO / DARM - Davao Anarchist Resistance Movement)... Check out the website: www.geocities.com/davaocrust and www.geocities.com/efdavao for more details. The group was linked to different sectors and resistance movement in the Philippines (mostly in Mindanao Region) from grassroots farmers to students, workers, the Red Party and NGO's.

One of the most significant actions we had as a group was the uprooting of the Monsanto's 1,500 square meter Bt (Bacillus Thurengensis) Corn field testing in Tamapakan, South Cotabato (Southern Mindanao). It took us only several minutes to get the job done. We were thousands then, we were with the farmers, rural folks, NGO's and the mainstream media. After then, we went to Bukidnon (Central Mindanao) for the 2nd uprooting but this time, Monsanto hired private armies who told us that they can afford to kill three people 'legally' if we were to get persistent with our purpose. Most of our actions then was demonstrations, picket rallies, massfeedings, information campaign in bus terminals, schools and the streets.

Several years later, active members focused on different projects and personal endeavors, and so was the end of it.

Others formed new collectives having different goals and advocacies. Some formed art collectives, others worked in NGO's, the red party and some stayed in the movement. As for the case of the KINAIYAHAN UNAHON (translated in Visaya as "Nature First"), the collective started in 2006, as a response to the shortcomings of the past (inability to extensively reach different sectors of the locale), decided to restructuralize the collective into a more flexible and visible in terms of socio-environmental actions and advocacies, and so we decided to make it as an NGO (for legal purposes). For the past one year, we have linked with local and mindanaowide social movements and organizations, and have worked on different issues such as Anti-GMO campaigns, Anti-Aerial Spraying, Organic agriculture, Hardcore/Punk Benefit Gigs, School and Community based Environmental Issues Information Campaign, Yoga and Spirituality and alternative lifestyle; and have initiated various events in and outside the KinUMo (Kinaiyahan Unahon Movement) Resource Center such as alternative study circles, fora, workshops, and Festivals such as the annual Vegetarian Festival (held every November or December) and Pinaghisuang Likha (translated in English as "One Creation"). So far, our actions are mostly on education campaigns.... We are also a member of a loose coalition of Mindanao groups called PANAGHOY SA KINAIYAHAN COALITION FOR MOTHER

EARTH (Translated in English as "Whisper of Nature). This consists of grassroots (People's Association, student clubs, Mountaineers, Art Movements) to Organization-level groups (NGO's, Mainstream Media, Sects).

The group is eyeing to materialize three major projects in the near future that is, 1.) Resource and Learning Center - a center that provides resources for alternative learning and approach to education using different media. The project already started several months ago but at the moment inactive due to insufficient time and other priorities outside the collective. Hopefully, early next year we will be able to continue this on the house project; 2.) Social Upliftment Project - this aims to assist local communities and aid them to progressively utilize the local resources of their region, envisioning independent autonomous economic zones that links and trades resources to different communities. So far, we are still not able to move on to this project, since the gameplan is to actualize these things one at a time and; 3.) Alternative Lifestyle - aims to promote local life support products produced by local communities as an alternative to the products of the Capitalist market. This also aims to promote healthy lifestyle practices such as yoga and alternative medicine, etc. The case for this project is the same to the former. As for the moment, we are focusing on materials acquisition for the center. So far, we have acquired 1 computer unit with printer, dvd writer (collectively owned), and 2 units (personally owned but will be used in the center), books from international and local sources, magazines, pamphlets, fanzines,

videos (educational multimedia materials such as documentaries of local and international issues from personal and collective contacts and supporters), downloaded audio books and videos from the internet, etc...

We are at the present aiming for the SEC Registration, Joint Bank Account, PO BOX Mailing Address, Internet Router, Xerox Machine, video camcorder, digital camera and Scanner and hopefully soon an LCD device... At the present, there are about 7-8 members of this collective but only 5 people are active... Each has different major projects for the center. We are targetting to settle on a house projects, probably February or March so we can move into the base...

if you are interested to support and help the necessities to our initial transition please give us a line or email us... in return, just tell us what we can do to also help and support your actions there in your area..

love and rage,

Kinaiyahan Unahon collective DAVAO

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(Apologies to anyone we forgot and left off the list.)

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Recommended text:
Criminal by Isabella Eberhardt - Beautifully written and produced pamphlet about the travels of an anarchist in North Africa in the early 20th Century. Eberhardt Press

Prison was created for the poor. Mothers & Sons: From FIES to Aachen by Pastora & Julia - Moving account from the mothers of Xose Tarrío Gonzalez & Gabriel Pombo da Silva, speaking about their relationship with their sons through bars and how the prison destroys the whole family. Leeds ABC

Some musik we made the zine to the sound of:

Amboss - Nitro/Razor Pleasure - Crisp, tight, dark, futurist Drum & Bass. The sound of the cities, razor sharp and burning, fine style! (subversion011) "12 vinyl-2007

Hecate - Seven Veils of Silence - Dark arabic tek overdosed on LSD, worshipping infinite chaos. (Zhark 12013 & 7003) "12+7/Cd

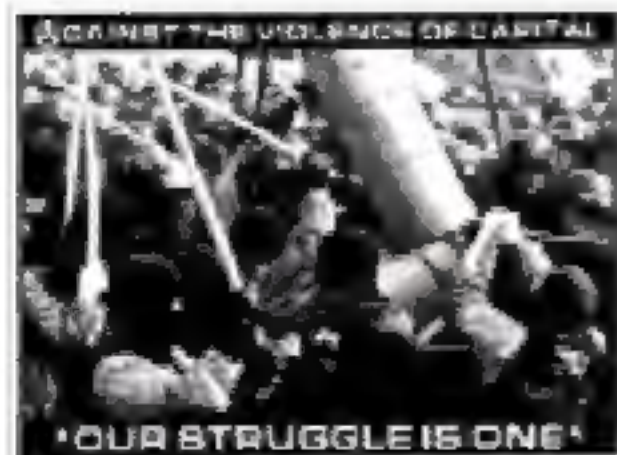
C7 H16 - Collectif Français - Underground French hip hop from *singe des rues*, *radikal knooneez*, *s.killa*, *inse 3k2n* and more. Heavy lyrics to destroy ya mind and state. (Cd-r)

Rai Ko Rai - Anti-National Anthem - Punks from Nepal. The band run an infoshop in Lazimpat, Katmandu. (Cd-r) raikorais@wlink.com.np

La Peste - Safety First - Sprawling 20 minute noisecore finished off with the sound of global machine networks ejecting a sentient ICBM into orbit. (Praxis) "12

Zion Train ft YT - Life that I choose - Heavy dub, horns, conscious anti-empire chatter from YT, rocking soundsystems near you now. (SoulSeek),

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